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SKI EVENT PULLS 'EM IN

The crowds took every vantage point possible as they clamoured for a view of the European Water Ski Championships in Ramsgate. Even though the event was dogged by bad weather, competitors and organisers alike stuck with it and eventually all the scheduled races took place.

Tony Williams, the British Water Ski chairman of racing and Great Britain's team captain, said: "The facilities at Ramsgate have been second to none. It's been a superb location, with shops and restaurants near to the harbour and I have really enjoyed the time we've spent here and I'm sure that the competitors have as well."

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BY TOM BETTS

NEW data shows that alcohol-related crime and health problems on the isle are soaring.

A report by Kent County Council shows that Thanet is beset with problems relating to drinking – more so than any other district in the county.

Based on the latest figures that compare all areas in the county, Thanet leads the way in all drink-related crime – and by some distance.

Violent crime fuelled by drink is also more prevalent here than in any other district.

In 2005-06, authorities attributed 1,460 crimes to alcohol, with 1,067 of those incidents also involving violence, a much higher figure than Swale, which, with 1,140 (against the 1,460 figure), was the next worst-affected district.

Meradin Peachey, director of public health for KCC, said: "There is a big problem. The report doesn't make good reading for Thanet."

Deprivation and the lack of employment could be factors in the isle's poor showing.

Ms Peachey added: "We've always known that the number of people who smoke is related to deprivation, but we've not been as sure if that was the same with alcohol, although it would appear so."

"Much of this could be down to education or unemployment and other social conditions."

The Alcohol Misuse Select Committee report, recently presented to the county council cabinet, also reveals that drinking is responsible for a greater number of hospitalisations than other areas of the county.

In 2004-05 the figures showed that 276 males were admitted to hospital in Thanet, dwarfing the next highest number, in Swale at 154.

Females taken in for treatment were also the largest number in Kent, with a total of 139

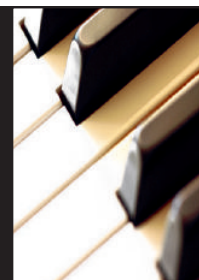
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Your traffic views sought

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE county council is asking people on the isle for their views on a road improvement scheme.

The authority wants to improve traffic movements at the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate, and Kent Highway Services has proposed work on the A245 Ramsgate Road.

The junction of the A245 where it meets with the QEQM could be the location for traffic lights, bus and ambulance priority measures and a pedestrian crossing.

The hospital access road could also be widened.

A consultation period will take place, with residents urged to make their views known.

Council officials think the scheme will make the road safer, with access

to the hospital easier for pedestrians and buses.

They also say it will better serve the continued expansion of the hospital in keeping with the aspirations and policies of the Thanet Local Plan.

David Hall, KCC head of transport and development, said: "This project will make a great difference to all of those who use the hospital."

"We will listen carefully to residents' views and these will be considered at the design stage. I am thoroughly pleased these improvements will soon be implemented."

The scheme has been approved by Thanet council and KCC members, who hope work will start by the end of the financial year (next April).

For further information, phone Kent Highway Services on 0845 8247800 (24hr), or email kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can view the proposals at the website www.kent.gov.uk/kenthighwayservices.

Under-age admissions up for drink

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cases, much higher than Canterbury with 102 reported incidents.

In both categories, and in many others, Thanet's totals are much higher than the national average and the problem spreads to those under-18s drinking illegally.

The statistics for underage drinkers going into hospital also make worrying reading, with the isle's rates more alarming than other areas of Kent.

The report calls for urgent measures to tackle the drinking culture.

Binge-drinking, access to cheap alcohol and the need to educate young people to the perils of abuse are just three key areas highlighted.

Graham Gibbens, KCC cabinet member for public health, said: "This is not about telling people what they can and cannot do - this is about being sensible, taking control of your own actions and acting quickly for those whose lives are damaged by alcohol misuse."

"Misuse of alcohol is a serious and strategic issue affecting all parts of society. There needs to be a change in culture and attitudes towards alcohol."

"I want to ensure that young people in Kent are fully aware of the dangers that they are doing to their long-term health if they binge-drink. KCC will be running a public health campaign to highlight the dangers of alcohol to young people's health."

"We need to educate young people about the pitfalls of binge drinking and the long-term damage."

"There is not just the financial cost caused to the NHS, police, county council and other agencies, but families and society also pay a high price for the loss or decline of a loved one and the disruption and disorder the misuse of alcohol can bring."

Wrecks removed

ANOTHER batch of untaxed and abandoned vehicles has been removed from the roads.

The Operation Cubit scheme was put in force again from July 1-4, with 41 cars taken away.

Six owners paid to have their vehicles returned, while the other vehicles will be crushed or sold if they are not claimed and paid for.

Once vehicles are taken away, owners have to pay £200 to reclaim them, but £120 is refundable if they tax their vehicles within two weeks.

If they still remain untaxed, vehicles are removed again.

To report an abandoned vehicle, phone 01843 577888.

DREAM BOAT

The latest exhibition of modern art is on show at the Turner Contemporary Project Space.

On The Threshold Of A Dream features works by Zoë Walker and Neil Bronnwich and takes place in the old Marks and Spencer building in Margate High Street.

Inflatable work Friendly Frontier No 1, a large inflatable mountain range, is the centrepiece of the exhibition.

The gallery is open from Tuesdays to Sundays between 10am and 5pm, while Celestial Radio, the second part of the show is an offshore boat project.

A mirrored vessel called The Celeste, decorated by the artists, has been sailing the Kent coast, including a visit to Margate harbour.

It broadcast as an independent radio station, featuring programmes inspired by the area.

Admission to the exhibition is free and Celestial Radio can be heard on 87.7FM.






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'Isle needs more than policies from back of a fag pack'

Gerry tires of our politicians and makes own MP bid

A NEW face is entering the isle's political scene.

Ramsgate First leader Gerry O'Donnell has revealed exclusively to Yourthanet that he will be joining the battle for the Thanet South parliamentary seat.

It will be Mr O'Donnell's first attempt to win the marginal seat and the 62-year-old father of eight is optimistic that his presence in the general election, likely to be held in 2010, will be a good thing for the constituency.

He said: "It's important to raise the level of political debate here and get people talking about the issues which affect us."

"I returned to Ramsgate in 2001 after some time away and was appalled by the run-down nature of the town."

"I have come to the conclusion that Ramsgate, as well as parts of Margate and Cliftonville, have been neglected to the point where a fire might have been a more decent and better end."

Mr O'Donnell declared last week his intention to run against incumbent Labour MP Dr Steve Ladyman and Tory hopeful Laura Sandys.

His joining the race could prove crucial as it is one of the most closely contested seats in the country.

EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

Dr Ladyman only won by a whisker last time around.

Mr O'Donnell, who set up Ramsgate First in 2005 to campaign for a town council, is a well-known face in Ramsgate.

He said: "The area needs something more than those who just toe the party line. Laura Sandys will not rock the boat or do anything to upset David Cameron, and Stephen Ladyman, despite being an affable chap, has proved woefully inadequate to the task."

He added: "It's clear neither Labour nor the Conservatives have any plan at all for the regeneration of the towns other than back-of-a-fag-packet ideas."

"As a candidate I will ensure that south Thanet's needs are brought to the fore and debated. I will do my level best to highlight the needs of Ramsgate and offer cost-effective solutions."

"I will be very conscious of the fact that I will be standing not just for Ramsgate but also for Cliftonville,



STANDING: Gerry O'Donnell has announced his intention to stand in the next general election

Broadstairs, Kingsgate and Sandwich. I will shortly be having meetings with local people from those areas to see how they want their communities to advance and prosper."

He added: "I will not stand as a Ramsgate First candidate, but as People First."

"And what does that mean? What it says: the people come first. All of them – regardless of race, colour, gender or orientation."



FLYING HIDE

An RAF Chinook helicopter was brought in to move a bird-watching hide into Pegwell Bay. The converted steel shipping container was dropped into the Site of Special Scientific Interest on Thursday.

Kent Wildlife Trust's biodiversity warden for Sandwich and Pegwell Bay, Jason Mitchell, said: "The RAF, who saw the exercise as a valuable training opportunity, generously offered their services. Now we have a first-class bird-watching facility in a stunning location for both residents and visitors to enjoy."

The four-tonne hide will be a permanent fixture in the bay after 18 Squadron from RAF Odiham dropped it in.

Up to 28 people can use the lookout, which is specially adapted for those with disabilities.

The addition of the bird hide is just one element of the GrantScape Biodiversity Enhancement Project.

Gateway meeting

PEOPLE have the chance to air their thoughts about the development of Manston Business Park at a public meeting next week.

It will be held in Minster Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, when residents' concerns will be discussed – the meeting is open to all.

Many people in the Thanet villages believe that plans for the park, which have dubbed China Gateway, will have a negative impact on their lives and the areas in which they live and are calling for a rethink.

Council planning chiefs have yet to give permission for the application by Commercial Group Properties Plc.

Banged up for theft, fraud and GBH, and that's just the officers

THIRTY-FOUR Kent police officers ended up behind bars during the past three years – including eight from east Kent who cover Thanet.

Figures released by Kent Police in response to a Freedom of Information request made by one of our reporters show that the arrested officers faced a total of 14 charges including indecent assault, perverting the course of justice and indecent assault.

From 2005 to date, 23 officers – employed to bring down crime and make the county safer – were charged with breaking the law.

A spokesman for the force said: "Kent Police currently has 3,759 police officers, 362 PCSOs and 2,664 police staff."

"The force expects its officers and employees to maintain the highest level of professionalism and honesty at all times, both on and off duty."

"Incidents of dishonesty by police officers are very rare."

"Kent Police's policy is that any

criminal offence or misconduct is not tolerated and will always be the subject of a thorough investigation."

"Where the Crown Prosecution Service considers there is sufficient evidence, police officers and police staff will be charged."

The figures from east Kent show that four were arrested in 2005, one in 2006 and three in 2007.

So far in 2008, none have been arrested.

Countywide, 16 officers were arrested in 2005, with the figure falling to nine the following year, eight in 2007 and just one so far this year.

Of those questioned, nine were charged in 2005, along with eight in 2006 and five last year.

The officer arrested this year was also charged.

Offences across the county include common assault, criminal damage, excess breath alcohol, theft, false imprisonment, fraud, GBH and harassment.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Friends raise funds

THE QEOM Hospital's League of Friends holds a summer fete on Saturday, August 2.

The event takes place in the maternity car park on the St Peter's Road side of the hospital and will be opened at 10.30am by Joss the Giant.

There will be a funfair and bouncy castle to keep children busy and stalls selling refreshments, bric-a-brac, toys and games.

Thanet Dog Obedience Group will give a short display before the popular fun dog show, which has 12 fun classes, with a £1 entrance fee for each class.

The event is being held to raise £11,000 to provide new equipment and furniture for the discharge lounge.

For enquiries about the fete and the League, leave a message on the answerphone on 01843 234507.

The League would be particularly grateful to hear from anyone with items to sell or prizes for the raffle and tombola.

Plea for witnesses

A POLICE officer is in hospital after being attacked.

He was investigating reports of a burglary in Northdown Road, Cliftonville, on Friday last week when he was struck from behind.

Neighbours had called officers at about 10.40am after hearing suspicious noises from a flat they thought was unoccupied.

The officer suffered head, back and neck injuries and was taken to the QEOM Hospital in Margate.

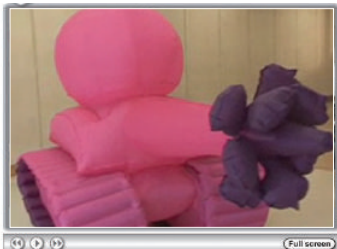
Police are asking witnesses to come forward.

Officers would like to hear from anyone who saw people entering or running away from the premises at 258 Northdown Road, or anyone who has seen anything suspicious since then.

They can phone police on 01622 690690.

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FREE FOOD FOR OUR WAR HEROES



A pair of Isle restaurateurs are honouring war veterans with free meals.

Tim Garbutt (pictured) and his wife Damrong, owners of the Surin in Harbour Street, Ramsgate, are going to allow the members of the town's British Legion who served in the Forces to dine in the acclaimed restaurant for no charge.

Starting on Sunday, July 27, and running indefinitely, the couple will serve the veterans for free on Tuesday nights because, Mr Garbutt says, "they have already paid in full".

He said: "One hundred blokes can't eat and drink that much and there's 40,000 of us in Ramsgate - we should show this generation and the next we haven't forgotten the democracy they saved for us."

The enterprising eaterie boss is dismayed by the way we honour our heroes and hopes that his initiative will encourage better treatment for the town's veterans.

He said: "What kind of town has Ramsgate become? The French look after their veterans far better than we do in Britain. Shouldn't there be a veterans' scheme in Ramsgate?"

He added: "We could offer free residency for Legion members, council tax rebates, free drinks in pubs, free food in supermarkets and restaurants and use language schools for education and volunteer work and recording their stories."

Editor takes control at Turner Contemporary

A FORMER editor of a leading magazine has been appointed to a top role at Turner Contemporary.

John Kampfner, who used to be at the helm of the New Statesman and is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster, has been named chairman of the Turner Contemporary Operating Trust by Kent County Council.

His paymasters say Mr Kampfner's appointment to the part-time, non-executive position is the first step in establishing Turner Contemporary as an independent charitable trust. He will start immediately.

The appointment was made by a panel including KCC cabinet members Mike Hill and Amanda Honey, Sally Abbott, the director of arts at Arts Council England, and Thanet council chief executive Richard Samuel.

Mr Kampfner's first task will be recruiting a full board and overseeing the transfer of operations from the county council to the trust.

Construction of the £17.4 million, David

■ BY TOM BETTS

Chipperfield-designed gallery is due to start in October and due for completion in 2010.

Mr Kampfner began his career as a foreign correspondent with The Daily Telegraph in Berlin, where he reported on the fall of the wall and unification of Germany. He was then in Moscow as communism collapsed.

In the mid-1990s, he became chief political correspondent at the Financial Times and political commentator for the BBC's Today programme, and between 2002 and 2005 he was political editor of the New Statesman before becoming editor from 2005 to 2008.

Mr Hill, KCC cabinet member for community services, said: "This appointment is a milestone for Turner Contemporary and we are confident of its future under John's leadership. What really impressed us was his strength of conviction for what we are striving

to achieve here, his clarity of vision for the organisation and his drive and enthusiasm."

Mr Kampfner also writes a fortnightly column for the Telegraph, is a regular TV pundit on politics and foreign affairs and is working on a book on global wealth and democracy.

Mr Kampfner said: "Turner Contemporary will be one of the most exciting arts projects in the UK and I am thrilled to be taking up this challenge."

Victoria Pomeroy, director of Turner Contemporary, said: "I am thrilled John will be leading the trust at this key moment and look forward to working with him."



CHAIRMAN: John Kampfner

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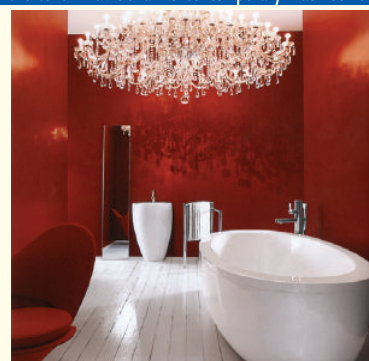
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Slow start doesn't stop champions from racing

ORGANISERS of the European Water Ski Championships managed to stage a full programme of events last week despite a troubled start.

Bad weather which led to the cancellation of many events early in the week eventually subsided and all scheduled races took place.

Ramsgate was praised for having great facilities by those in charge of the event.

Tony Williams, the British Water Ski chairman of racing and Great Britain's team captain, said: "The facilities at Ramsgate have been second to none."

"It's been a superb location, with shops and restaurants near to the harbour, and I have really enjoyed the time we've spent here and I'm sure the competitors have as well."

The racing was done and dusted on Saturday.

■ BY TOM BETTS

After three days of competition, 90 waterskiers had taken to the water in the harbour, with tourists coming to the town to join locals and watch the racing.

Up to 400 team members and support workers were also in town, with representatives from countries such as Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, Germany, France and Austria all staying in the area.

The championships started with an opening ceremony on Saturday, July 5, but the first day's races the following day were called off due to high winds which made conditions too dangerous.

Mr Williams said: "Everyone's worked so hard preparing for this event and have made us all very welcome at Ramsgate."

"The races have all been injury-free, which is

the main thing and, despite the frustrating start to the week, we did manage to get some great racing later in the week."

Racing included Formula 1, 2 and 3 classes, in the ladies, seniors, juniors and Eurokids categories.

A home winner was Britain's Kim Lumley, who took first in the women's F1 race.

The Great Britain team managed second place in both Eurokids races, women's F2, seniors and men's F3, while they finished second in the European Nations Trophy, with Belgium first and Austria in third place.

Alan Goggin is the representative of the president of the EAME region (Europe, Africa and Middle East), the governing body of the sport.

He said: "Ramsgate has got a great deal going for it and it's got some superb facilities, with lovely cafés and restaurants."

"As a visitor, I've really enjoyed my time in the town and I know others have, too."

Thousand-pound prize is only third time lucky

A LUCKY listener has bagged £1,000 in a radio quiz.

Tim Rice from Allenby Road, Ramsgate, answered 10 questions to net the prize on the Invicta FM Breakfast Show.

Tim became only the third person to win on the Thousand Pound Minute since the competition started in May.

The competition runs daily at 8.10am.

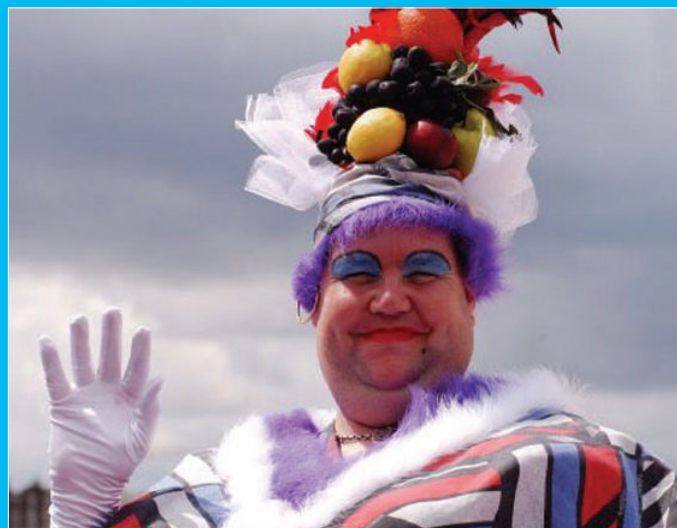
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HI THERE, ME OLD FRUIT

Margate will enjoy a carnival atmosphere when Thanet Pride 2008 rolls into town later this month. Streets will be closed as stalls, stages and a fun-fair are set up for the day, with entertainment for the family promised. Feel-good pop duo Same Difference, semi-finalists in last year's X-Factor, will perform on the main stage near the Primark building in Marine Drive. They will be joined by acts such as The Boy George Experience, a Human League tribute band and many others until 6.15pm. A second stage at the piazza will host an all-day disco, with solo artist One Love performing and many competitions and giveaways taking place. The fun takes place on Saturday, July 26, beginning at 12.30pm on the main stage. The day is designed to promote diversity, tolerance and understanding throughout east Kent. All the events are free to attend although voluntary collections for Pride and local charities will be made throughout the day.

Street kids are true athletes

MORE than 30 young people from across Thanet have been sprinting against the clock.

As part of a new street athletics project set up by former British athletes Linford Christie and Darren Campbell, participants were tested against the clock on a 60-metre stretch in the car park of Westwood Cross.

Support on the day came from Phil Pittock and Kim Debling, coaches from the Thanet Roadrunners Athletics Club.

Street athletics aims to prove that anyone can take part in sport without the need for either expensive equipment or training costs.

The Isle event was part of an east Kent series, which also includes Canterbury, Dover

and Shepway. All those who took part will be invited to the east Kent finals in Folkestone at the end of July to represent Thanet, when they'll also have the chance to meet the two star athletes.

Thanet councillor Jo Gideon said: "This type of event is crucial to getting the message across that anyone can take part in and have fun with sport. It's important to get everyone involved in physical activity, and running is a simple option."

"We're hoping to make this an annual event where families can come along and have fun together and our thanks go to Westwood Cross for hosting the event."

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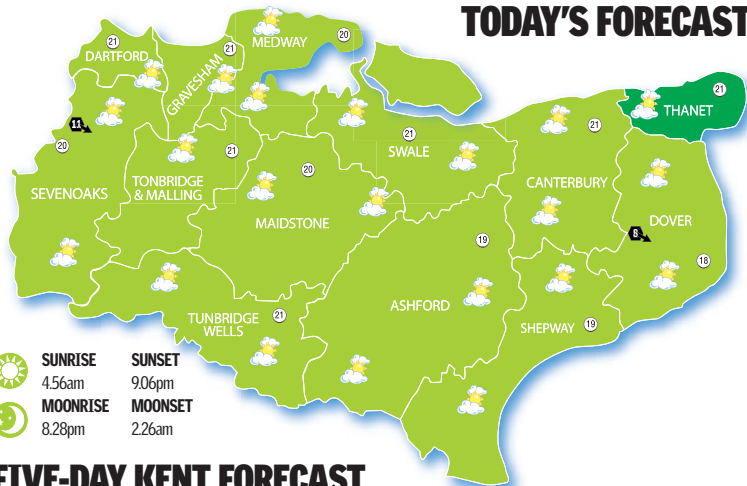
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	Sunday	12:11pm	6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:27am	6.8m
	Sunday	12:06pm	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:06pm	4.6m
	Sunday	12:41pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:03pm	5.3m
	Sunday	1:41pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:04pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:41pm	5.1m



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Beijing	26°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	18°C
Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	32°C
Gibraltar	25°C	Vancouver	21°C
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yourthanet NEWS IN BRIEF

Knife attack at beach

A MAN has been badly injured in a stabbing on Margate's main sands.

The incident took place in Marine Parade at about 5.30pm on Monday (July 14).

The 24-year-old is in a critical but stable condition at the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate.

Two men have been arrested and are being questioned by police. One is in his early 30s and the other in his late 20s.

A central area of the beach near the swings was cordoned off by police officers, but restrictions were lifted by the following morning.

New stores at Westwood

NINE new shopping units are being built at Westwood and could be open by Christmas.

The units will increase retail opportunities in the area, with plans for a toy store, eateries and a pub already proposed. Banks could also take up some units.

Work is under way at the site next to Westwood Cross shopping centre on Margate Road

Meanwhile, Marks and Spencer has applied to Thanet council to add a second retail floor at its Westwood Cross site.

Man assaulted in street

POLICE are appealing for anyone who may have seen an assault to contact them.

A man received hospital treatment for facial and hand injuries after he was attacked by two men at about 8pm in Cambourne Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea, on Sunday, June 29.

Phone Det Con Clare Walker on 01843 231055 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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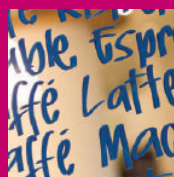


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MORE than 100,000 people flocked to the Kent Show last weekend – leaving the organisers struggling to cope.

Thousands of motorists were left fuming as they sat in queues of traffic for up to two hours to get into the County Showground in Detling Hill on Sunday.

The show's general manager, David Goff, admitted they had been a victim of their own success – and had underestimated the number of families attending the last day of the three-day event.

He put the congestion down to a system of temporary traffic lights and road works implemented to block off U-turn junctions.

Mr Goff said: "When you have a system, you have to run with it. We had a lot of people here over the weekend and a lot more on Sunday than we thought."

But the show itself, now in its 79th year, was a huge success – with the Dancing Diggers, show-jumping and a giant walking robot among the highlights.

There were more than 900 stalls across the 250-acre site and a selection of sheep, cows, goats and horses battling to win prizes.

■ WORDS BY LAUREN MUMFORD
AND JAMES ALEXANDRE
PICTURES BY IGOR KUPCO

The only concern was when a member of an army parachute display team had to be taken to hospital with back injuries after being blown off course in gusting winds on Friday.

The parachutist was part of The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment's The Tigers, who are renowned for their acrobatic displays at events nationwide – he has been recovering at Maidstone hospital.

Fund-raisers from Demelza House Children's Hospice in Bobbing had thousands of visitors flock to their stall, which offered children face-painting and a life-size Tardis and Dalek from TV show Doctor Who to be photographed next to.

Youngsters could also enter a prize draw for a BMX bike in celebration of the 10th birthday of the hospice for terminally ill children.

Demelza area fund-raising manager Donna Wells said: "This event is really important for us because it attracts so many people county-wide who may not know about Demelza



POPULAR: There were so many entertainments on offer at the show that organisers were overwhelmed by visitor numbers

House and the families that it serves in Kent."

Leigh Holmes, of the Hawking Centre at Leeds Castle, put on a display of birds of prey at the show.

He said: "It's just really nice to get out and show to loads of different people. I like the countryside area of the ground – you've got reindeer and gundogs, as well as falconry."

"It's quintessentially English, which I like."

Kent Scouts were also out in force, with about 50 volunteers promoting the work of the organisation across the county.

Jane Town, adult development officer, said: "We're here to promote Scouting and make

sure people know what it's all about, which is a whole variety of things."

The Kent Youth Trials Club had riders demonstrating their skills on a dedicated dirt track, complete with obstacles at the entrance to the heritage area.

One of its star protégés is seven-year-old Ieuan Jones, from Ashford, who has only been riding for ten months.

Dad Tony said: "He loves it – every weekend he's out on the bike, he absolutely adores it and spends a couple of days of just solid riding. He's in his element."

One of the main attractions was the dancing diggers display. Comprising five JCB 3CX diggers and one Bobcat mini-loader, the stunt team from Diggerland in Strood wowed the crowds with versatile formations such as leaning on their sides at 90 degrees and performing dare-devil wheelie stunts.

Team captain Lee Cooper, who has been involved with the team for the past 23 years, describes their routine as "synchronised swimming with diggers".

He said: "It's the first time we've been back here for about 12 years. We do all of the big county shows all over the country and it's good to be at our local one in Kent again."



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Watchdog wants to hear your concerns

KENT Police Authority will be quizzing people in shopping centres countywide over the next few weeks to identify the main anti-social behaviour concern.

The roadshows follow last year's tour which identified anti-social behaviour as the biggest issue for residents across the county.

Shoppers will be asked to vote on the following potential concerns as identified by police research:

- Teenagers hanging around;
- Rubbish or litter left lying about;
- Vandalism, graffiti or deliberate damage;
- People being drunk or rowdy in public;

■ BY NICK AMES

- People using or dealing drugs.

The tour will run until August 22 and gives the public a chance to meet authority members and police community support officers.

The locations and times of the visits are:

- Maidstone, Chequers Centre, July 28, 11am-3pm;
- Bluewater, July 29, 10am-3pm;
- Folkestone (Asda), July 30, 11am-4pm;
- Ashford, County Square, August 1, 11am-3pm;
- Chatham, Pentagon Centre, August 7, 11am-3pm;
- Kings Hill (Asda), August 15, 11am-4pm;

• Sittingbourne (Asda), August 22, 11am-4pm.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes said: "The authority acts as a watchdog and we need to let people know there is someone overseeing policing across Kent and Medway."

"Last year we found that anti-social behaviour was the biggest issue for residents. Now we want to find out in more detail what the issues are."

"It will be interesting to see the results as we now have neighbourhood policing under way."

"It is our job to make sure taxpayers get the best value for money. One of our core roles is to find out what people want from policing and I'll be watching with interest to see what the public choose as their top anti-social behaviour priority."



HIDDEN ANXIETY: Kent Police Authority wants to uncover the main public worries



CASH FLOW: Income from Dartford crossing tolls is to be diverted away from Kent

End of the road for county's toll cash

KENT residents are losing out in cash for roads from the Dartford crossing tolls and the system needs to change, according to county councillors.

KCC's Cllr Keith Ferrin said the crossing charging system needed a "radical overhaul" in order for local motorists to benefit.

His call follows news that cash received by the county authority from tolls is set to stop.

The Department of Transport is proposing a discount scheme for drivers in Dartford to pay a £10 registration fee in return for 50 free crossings a year, due to be introduced in the

autumn. However, the £1 million a year which KCC has been getting from the tolls towards planned integrated transport schemes is being phased out.

Cllr Ferrin, the cabinet member for highways, said: "The Dartford tolls don't reduce congestion, they add to it. Motorists are repeatedly held up in lengthy queues on both sides and residents suffer from noise pollution."

"While Kent has been receiving £1 million a year in loan sanctions – meaning we have been allowed to borrow the money – in future we will not even get that."

"The Government is going to divert

the cash away from Kent into national transport projects, while we continue to suffer."

"There must be better ways of doing this which are of benefit to more people in Kent. The charging system needs a radical overhaul to make it fairer for all."

"As it stands, residents in Gravesend won't get the benefit from the proposed discount even though they live four kilometres closer to the crossing than people living on the Essex side who do qualify."

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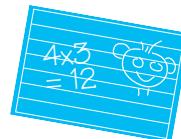
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BREAK TIME



CONCERT TOUR: Pupils from Chatham House and Clarendon House will play in northern Italy

Italian job for young musicians

MUSIC departments from two Ramsgate grammar schools are to tour the Lake Garda region of northern Italy.

Students and staff from Chatham House and Clarendon House will make the 18-hour coach journey on Saturday, July 19, to Torbole at the northernmost tip of Lake Garda.

They will give three concerts around the lake and also in Verona and Venice.

The group forms a concert wind band, a jazz big band and then, as the shows draw to a close, the musicians down their 'tools' and finish the concerts as a choir.

The highlight looks set to be a performance for a mass in St Mark's Cathedral, Venice – a privilege usually only given to established choirs.

Good sports

ST PETER-IN-THANET Junior School pupils qualified for the finals of two events at the Kent School Games.

Their efforts meant teams took part in the latter stages of both football and speed-stacking, making them the only Isle school to qualify for the finals in two events.

Head-teacher Sharon Irvine said: "Huge congratulations to the children who took part and acquitted themselves so well."

Vets enjoy music and memories

■ BY TOM BETTS

MORE than 120 service veterans from Thanet, Folkestone and other parts of east Kent enjoyed a day of entertainment, lunch and dancing at the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate.

Many of the former members of the armed forces, and those who served their country in other capacities, fought in the Second War Two and later conflicts, and attended the event.

They were invited to the academy's own Veterans' Day celebration, sponsored by the Ministry of Defence, which took place a week after official nationwide events.

Pupils stood and applauded as the veterans marched into the school bearing the colours of the Folkestone area Royal Naval Association and the British Legion.

The celebration coincided with sports day in which pupils from its sister academy, The Spires, near Sturry, also took part.

Principal Ian Johnson introduced the veterans to a medley of

musical entertainment, singing, dancing and acting by Marlowe performing arts pupils, some of whom had recently played at the Royal Opera House.

He said: "This was my favourite day last year, and I am sure it will be this year."

The veterans then tucked in to a three-course lunch before setting out to watch the pupils from the academy's four houses and The Spires' two houses compete in track and field events on the athletics ground.

Throughout the day, pupils working for the academy's website filmed and recorded interviews with the veterans.

Two of the pupils involved were Kurtis Isaacs and Aesha Matthews.

Kurtis said: "This is living history. It is a shame that lots of young people never get the chance to talk to veterans."

Aesha said: "What amazed me was that, even though there was a war going on, the veterans said that people still respected each other and were able to leave their front doors open without fear."

Mr Johnson said: "What a tremendous day. The veterans are youngsters in older bodies – although you could forget the old bodies bit judging by the way they



GREAT DAY: Veterans enjoy a day of entertainment at Marlowe Academy, Ramsgate

were scooting round the dance floor with some of our staff.

"I know they enjoyed their day and it was a privilege to welcome them."

"We're having a great day already – and all the events haven't even started yet," said former Royal Navy man Bob Saxby, from Hythe.

"This is the best time I have

had in very long time," said 90-year-old retired postman Harry Pearce, from Ramsgate.

Mr Pearce, who was born in Ramsgate, served with the East Kent Regiment (the Buffs) but was captured by the Germans while fighting on Neros near Corfu and sent to a prison of war camp in Germany, where he spent 16 months in captivity.

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Tory councillor Simon Moores urges everyone to record their history on the internet



Wonderful tales that we mustn't allow to be lost

"THE world," said Ernest Hemingway, "is a fine place and worth fighting for."

I had a 'Hemingway adventure' of my own last winter, tracing the author's path around the lively bars of Havana.

As a boy, I discovered a loose connection between the great 20th-century author and a beach inspector in Thanet going back to the Spanish civil war.

I had just left school and was 'working the deckchairs' in Palm Bay when a chance conversation revealed that the old chap I was working with, Jim (not his real name), had been a member of the International Brigade, fighting for the Republican cause against the Nationalists of General Franco's Nazi-supported army between 1936 and 1939.

The advent of mass media allowed an unprecedented level of attention on the civil war (Hemingway, George Orwell and Robert Capa all covered it) and it became notable for the

passion and political division it inspired, and for atrocities such as the bombing of Guernica.

My father had to leave Madrid because of the civil war, and Jim, a fervent trade unionist, shared with me in a cold, windswept beach hut in July 1975, between rolling cigarettes, his story of an encounter with the author and the events that led him to volunteer to fight.

Of course, Hemingway wrote the classic *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, but Jim, and many others like him, had equally fascinating stories that may never be told.

There was John Brown, who lived quietly in Broadstairs and who flew Pathfinder Mosquitoes in the Second World War and led the bomber raid on the German Peenemünde rocket complex.

And in Birchington, a former Royal Flying Corps pilot from the First World War who was as bright as a button and used to frequent the Bungalow Hotel. There was even my former head-teacher at Charles Dickens school, Mr Morland, a member of the Navy's elite Special Boat Service who had to clear obstacles from

the D-Day beaches before daylight, in advance of the main landing.

Thanet, I find from meeting our retired residents, is full of untold stories of personal heroism and achievement. With every year that passes, more of this history is lost.

Today, we have a thriving internet 'blogging' community on the island and, for the first time in history, it gives everyone a chance to tell their story and secure it for the future as part of a universal record of human experience.

A secret history is a lost history and so I would like to use this week's column to encourage readers to use the internet and sites like blogger.com to start telling their own stories of the more interesting events of their lives, or those of their grandparents, as they dovetail into moments of our collective history.

There are lots of unknown stories in Thanet, lots of 'Jims' (both men and women) and perhaps a Hemingway or two hidden among them.

Now would be a good time to use the internet to start telling their 20th-century stories before it's too late.

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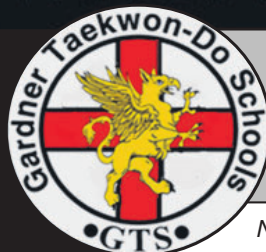
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Nick Gardner performing a high side kick



The small demo team selected to represent G.T.S. at Christ Church Primary School on Saturday 5th July

A martial arts academy with a difference has been running at The King Ethelbert School, with sessions being run at the school's newly constructed and magnificently equipped sports centre. The sports centre is equipped with some of the best facilities in Thanet. The regular and well attended sessions are run by highly trained and qualified instructors, Nick and Adam Gardner. Nick is a 4th degree black-belt and a 4 times Taekwon-Do World and European Champion. Nick's brother, Adam is a 3rd degree black-belt and 2 times Taekwon-Do World Champion. In addition to this, Adam has also recently made history at the Birmingham NIA by becoming the first English competitor to win a second sparring World Championship in two separate weight categories.

Students Mark Peachey, Reegan Mathews and Nathan Whitman who have been training with Nick and Adam from the day the Academy opened, have already won several English and British championships within their categories. All 3 students are now just 2 months away from achieving their black belt degrees after 3 years of training. The Gardner Taekwon-do Academy started as an innovative and special initiative with The King Ethelbert School, and as K.E.S pupils, this arrangement allowed Mark, Reegan and Nathan to train for free. This unique arrangement with the school is still available, and all current pupils of King Ethelbert's have the opportunity to train absolutely free of charge for as long as they are in education. The same offer also applies to pupils of Thanet College, who have the opportunity to train free every Wednesday during term time.

The ages of students currently training at the Academy range between 5 and 55 years. Every session is different, fun and challenging. The high standards of the students are constantly proven by the Academy's fantastic competition

achievements. The last tournament that was attended by the Academy saw 20 competitors winning 12 golds, 9 silvers and 8 bronzes amounting to 29 medals in total. Every student is treated as an individual, and instructors deliver specialised training routines to ensure optimal progression and complete satisfaction within the training regime. The sessions involve a mix of fitness and health improvement, traditional Taekwon-Do and martial arts techniques together with practical self defence application. The exciting atmosphere and first class training environment is enjoyed by regularly well attended classes. To insure the best approach to training and that learning and progression is maximised, students are taught within individual sections for younger children, teenagers and adults.

The Academy is also working rigorously within the community and has experienced tremendous success in giving the opportunity to various groups and individuals to see for themselves just what it has to offer. Only just last weekend the Academy organised a demonstration for the Christ Church Primary School in Ramsgate, promoting health and fitness along with self defence to the many in attendance. A selected few from the Academy participated in the highly entertaining demonstration making it a huge success.

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Great bands save festival with their animal magic

BY SIMON ROBINSON

LET us reflect on the positives of Zoo8. (Feel free to count the number of painful, animal-related puns shoe-horned in below.)

The whole weekend was anything but a roaring success (here we go), but all was not entirely lost.

Festival-goers went wild for the likes of The Hives, British Sea Power, Hadouken, The Cribbs and Ash, who all put in great performances on the main stage.

Music-lovers also stampeded to the festival's number one stage to watch producer extraordinaire Mark Ronson bring the opening day's proceedings to a close.

He was OK – but I can't see what all the fuss is about. After all, his set consisted of covers of covers of hit singles.

So The Zutons' hit single Valerie, covered superbly by Ronson/Winehouse, was played live by Ronson/little-known guest vocalist.

Hardly elephantastic.

Minor quibble aside, Ronson and all the other artists who performed at Zoo8 were largely well received by the 12,000-strong crowd.

Lethal Bizzle deserves particular praise for



GREAT: Ash and Hadouken were among the acts which performed on the main stage at the Zoo8 festival



filling in for Dizzee Rascal. The carnivorous crowd were baying for blood at the beginning of his stand-in set but were quickly converted and seemed to really enjoy his high-energy performance.

The dance tent was also a hit and arguably the most successful stage during the three-day event, with lots of monkeying about going on around the clock.

The festival also gave the cream of Kent's emerging talent a chance to reach a new audience, something which should not be overlooked.

And, of course, the proximity to the zoo was a real bonus: with a half-price entry deal running throughout the week, it wasn't too deer.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is one of the county's finest tourist attractions, housing thousands of animals, from majestic rhinos, tigers and elephants to hyperactive monkeys, bush dogs and wolves.

The park is only a ten-minute walk from the festival site and gave Zoo8 ticket holders an alternative to just lion around before the day's music began.

Yes, there were many, many problems with the festival. But with the apologetic promoters promising to rectify them at Zoo9, perhaps a leopard can change his spots? (Apologies for the puns.)

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TALK TIME

MATTHEW CLARKE

Matthew Clarke, 16, is a sixth-former at the Marlowe Academy and a member of the editorial team on Oi! magazine



How long have you worked with Oi? Why do you think it's special?

Well, not very long, to be quite honest. I was recommended by a friend who was asked to do a report on the Holocaust for Oi! She knew I was a keen writer and find it relaxing, so she put me down. I sat at a computer and typed away and was told instantly I was a natural at writing in a way that gets the reader to keep reading. I have loved Oi! since the first issue as it promotes giving teenagers a fair voice and a fair say in the media. It shows some teenagers have a brain and a thirst for knowledge and a better understanding of the world.

What do you enjoy about it most?

I enjoy going to places with Oi! and meeting people very few of us could meet. I enjoy the freedom that writing gives a person to express themselves. But I also welcome the support from the team if writer's block kicks in!

Do you want to be a journalist after you leave the academy, or are you interested in another career?

I'd love to be a journalist. Before writing for Oi! I was fixed on nursing, but that dream was slowly fading with reports of the NHS failing and my mother complaining the job is nothing like it used to be. With university looming, I got the opportunity to try journalism (if it didn't work I could say "at least I gave it a go") and I got bitten by the bug.

What do you like about Thanet?

I love the multiculturalism. I know many people would disagree, but I love the fact that so many different heritages surround us and I'm all for it. I also love that, although Thanet gets a bad name, we are pretty nice.

What would you change?

I'd kick out the people who cause the fights and replace them with immigrants who are more accepting of multiculturalism.

YOUR LETTERS

Councillor should get his facts right

As a parish councillor for Birchington South, I write regarding the factually incorrect comments made by Birchington South district councillor Alasdair Bruce in relation to parish councillor John Worrow (last week's letters).

Since he was elected as a representative for our village, we have hardly seen Cllr Bruce in the parish, so it comes as no surprise to me to learn he gets some of his information about Birchington from reading letters sent to Yourthanet by fellow Cliftonville resident and Labour Party member Cllr Clive Hart.

If Cllr Bruce really wants to represent the people of my village ward, I suggest he first understands that in villages such as Birchington it is part of the tradition for parish councillors to stand as Independent.

I would like to point out to Cllr Bruce that John is one of three Conservative Party members who stood as Independents in the parish election and, contrary to Cllr Bruce's snide remarks, John was not adopted by the Conservative group, but was invited to become a member of the local Conservative Party.

And before former 'tree-hugger' Cllr Bruce accuses anyone else in his own party of changing their mind, I would like to know where he stands this week regarding the Thanet Earth project.

I would also be interested to know what Cllr Bruce's political motives are for this attack on a young parish councillor, who, all said and done, gives his time to our village on a voluntary basis.

Cllr Jean Fleming
Birchington South ward (parish)

About-turn not fair to electorate

Now that 'Independent' councillor John Worrow has joined the Conservative Party, it would be proper for him to resign and contest his ward as a Tory.

Cllr Worrow stood for election on the Independent ticket and the electorate voted for him as an Independent, not a Conservative.

It is all very well to say that he "always votes for Roger Gale at general elections". I always support the Monster Raving Loony Party, but what has that got to do with the price of fish?

There is a moral issue here that should not be ignored. Democracy is not well served by politicians who use the democratic process to obtain office and, having done so, then perform an about-turn.

The electorate deserves respect and not to be treated as fools.

That they are is the probable reason that fewer and fewer people bother to vote.

Robert Muir
Westgate-on-Sea

Children deserve better than this

Kent County Council knows it is vulnerable to criticism over the poor GCSE results in many of its secondary modern schools.

What does an astute politician do in such circumstances to distract the public?

Listen to Chris Wells, Conservative member for education, and you learn the technique.

First tactic: distort what your critic is saying.

The Government minister for education has said that, although progress has been made, there are still too many schools – 19 in

Kent – where the likely outcomes at 16 are not good enough.

Cllr Wells distorts this into an attack on pupils, teachers and schools, and then is surprised that people react.

Second tactic: attack the messenger.

Kent has known it is in this position for many years. Kent Conservatives allow the distortions caused by selection to continue, without taking any action to compensate the pupils who find themselves in secondary modern schools.

Instead, they quote statistics that appear to show "overall" results are comparable.

This ignores the situation where many parents have no choice but to send their child to a school with low attainment results.

Surely Kent owes it to parents and children alike to deploy resources, so whatever school a child attends, he or she should have the best possible chance of achieving good results.

Currently, this is measured as five GCSE A-C grades including maths and English.

The Labour government's Children's Plan sets out that by 2020 at least 90 per cent of children will achieve the equivalent of five higher-level GCSEs by age 19.

National Challenge, the programme Cllr Wells dislikes so much, is an important step to meeting the goal that in every secondary school at least 30 per cent of its pupils will achieve five good GCSEs, including English and maths, by 2011.

In 1997 there were 1,610 schools below this 30 per cent standard; today there are 638 – the National Challenge sets out how we will reduce this to zero.

Ed Balls, secretary of state for children, schools and families, has announced that the Government will double the £200 million announced in the Budget

to £400m to help local authorities and schools achieve this target.

This extra funding could mean up to 70 National Challenge schools could be converted into academies over and above existing plans, and that up to 120 new Trust schools created.

This 120 could include 70 National Challenge Trusts, where a school links with another high-performing school, as well as an external partner such as a university or business.

To kick-start the National Challenge, Mr Balls asked local authorities to set out, by the end of the school summer term, individual action plans for how they will transform results in each National Challenge school from now until 2011.

Cllr Wells would be better employed just getting on with his job instead of playing politics with our children's education.

Elizabeth Green
KCC Labour spokesperson for children, families and education

Brown shambles is harming us all

WHAT a disastrous 12 months under Gordon Brown's Premiership.

Together with his handling of the economy as the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the previous ten years, he has betrayed the voters and his own supporters because the rising gap between the rich and the poor (particularly in some parts of Thanet) is greater than when the Conservatives were in power!

With the economy in decline, how will those young people trying to get on the property ladder get on the first rung, let alone get a home of their home when Labour's social housing policy is failing them and the housing market is in a slump?

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increasing and causing even more concern and anxiety.

Voters have learnt one thing over the past 11 years – this Labour government taxes the poor in favour of the rich (remember the 10p tax fiasco).

Only the other week they voted to retain their 'John Lewis' expenses while the financial plight of pensioners, because they are on fixed incomes, is getting worse.

In the last two by-elections where Labour put up a candidate, people deserted them in droves and voted Conservative or Liberal Democrat, and with a by-election pending in East Glasgow, this seat could go to the Scottish National Party.

Labour could not even get the organisation of the selection of a candidate to fight the seat right – what a shambles!

As regards the Conservatives, David Davis's unnecessary by-election is costing the taxpayers thousands of pounds.

Ah well, they promised us that 'things can only get better'. I hope they don't get any worse, for all our sakes.

Bill Furness
Birchington

Great night out – let's have more

I was out in Ramsgate with my family the other night, and what a great atmosphere there was on the seafront.

Everyone was having a good time and the fireworks were fantastic – my only complaint is why can't we have the seafront closed more often as it brings people there to spend

more money for the town, giving the town a much-needed boost.

It's also nice to sit outside a nice wine bar and look at our lovely harbour rather than a line of cars.

Well done the organisers, it was an awesome night.

Jill Cresswell
Ramsgate

Rotary: thank you to all who helped

I'm writing on behalf of the Rotary Club of Ramsgate to express our sincere thanks to all those members of the public who so kindly and generously supported our club's fund-raising activities over the past year.

Thanks to you, our club has been able to make the following donations to charities and other good causes (many of them local).

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- Kids Out (to fund local children's trips to the circus): £375.
- Make A Wish Foundation (which grants wishes to children fighting life-threatening illness): £500.
- Marlowe Academy, to contribute towards the cost of its World Awareness Day: £150.
- Newington Children's Centre and Newington Clinic for purchase of toys: £600 and £500 respectively.
- 8th Ramsgate Guides: £250.
- Rotary Club of Bologne-Sur-Mer (our contact club in France) to contribute towards an international project to help disadvantaged

children in Cambodia: £350.

- Rotary Club of Westgate and Birchington to contribute to the start-up expenses of its 70s extravaganza in aid of Thanet Cancer Care Appeal: £250.
- Rotary joint clubs in Thanet to contribute to the cost of Isle schools prom concert: £60.
- Rotary Flood Appeal to alleviate the effects of floods in various parts of the UK: £1,000.
- Rotary Foundation (Rotary's own charity, which funds humanitarian projects in the UK and throughout the world such as eradication of polio): £1,130.
- St Mary's Church, Cliffsend, to contribute to the cost of a lunch for local elderly folk: £150.
- Send-a-Cow (a charity that helps African farmers combat malnutrition): £209.
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- Shotokan Karate Club: £250.
- Thanet and District Sports Association for People with Disabilities (a small charity based in Ramsgate that enables people of all ages with various disabilities to enjoy sport): £1,500.
- Viking Concert Band: £250.

I would also like to thank the members of our club for their hard work and for all the fun we have had together raising this money.

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That spandex moment

BY KATE WHITING

MERYL Streep is best known for her serious roles in films like *Out of Africa*, so it's really quite hard to imagine her as a flamboyant Lycra-clad blonde, belting out Super Troupers and other camp Abba numbers.

But this is exactly the surprising transformation the two-time Oscar-winner has undergone for one of this summer's brightest blockbusters – the film adaptation of the hit musical *Mamma Mia!*

When we meet at an elegant hotel in London, Streep is looking her usual demure self – but she's mischievous and keen to dispel the idea that she's out of place in musicals.

"My first Broadway show was a musical and then I'd done a lot of musicals in high school, so it was like coming home to a thing that I always loved doing," she says.

"I haven't done many because I haven't done much stage, even though I wanted to, in a long time... and people are afraid to make musicals into movies."

Streep heads an impressive cast-list as Donna, a hippy mum running a guest house on a Greek island whose only daughter Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is about to get married.

Unknown to Donna, Sophie has pinched her mum's diary from the year she was born and has invited her three potential fathers (played by Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgård) to her wedding, although her mum hasn't seen them in 20 years.

Cue much mayhem in the sweltering heat as Sophie tries to



ORIGINAL: Meryl Streep loved performing in her first movie musical *Mamma Mia!*

work out which man is her dad and Donna tries to chase them off the island – all set to various Abba classics.

One of the funniest, and most surreal, moments comes during Sophie's hen party, when Donna and her best friends (played by Julie Walters and Christine Baranski) squeeze into their plat-

form boots and colourful flares to perform one more time as 1970s band Donna And The Dynamos.

Streep, who recently turned 59 but doesn't look anywhere near it, fell in love with *Mamma Mia!* long before she was singled out to play Donna after watching it on Broadway in 2001.

"I took my ten-year-old and her

birthday party right after it had opened. It was right after September 11 and everyone was feeling really low and I thought 'What am I going to do with all these kids?'," she says.

"I saw an ad in the New York Times and it said 'new British musical' and something about 'buoyant fun' and I thought 'Boy! I'm there'."

"I took the kids and we were all dancing in the aisles and down the street. I bought the album and sang the songs for two years."

The actress, who has four children with her husband of almost 30 years Don Gummer, admits she was apprehensive about her now grown-up offspring seeing their mum in psychedelic 1970s gear for some of the big retro dance numbers.

"I was nervous, but then I showed them all the stills and they've already had their mortification moment about me wearing spandex."

"We have to get over this," she says with a laugh. "I can't wait for them to see it. It's as if we've all done it for our daughters."

"My son will be appalled, but I think he'll actually like it because he's a musician and he'll get a kick out of it."

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Jean prides herself in her skill, which means normally she need only see a client once, but six is her maximum.

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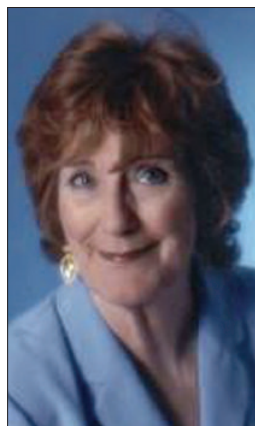
"I do 10 per cent, the client does the other 90."

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Summer of jazz will be orange



LEGENDS: Stan Tracey, the godfather of British jazz, will perform at the Gulbenkian Theatre, while Sid Bailey (inset) will make music with son Sam

THE Orange Street Summer of Jazz Festival will open with a flourish when it welcomes the legendary Stan Tracey.

Widely acknowledged as 'the godfather of British jazz', Tracey's career has spanned six decades and he is considered to be a hugely influential musician. He has influenced and stimulated not only his contemporaries, but every generation with which he has worked.

He is a prolific composer, having written 20 commissions and 40 of his own albums, and he is renowned for combining the percussive melody of Thelonious Monk with the robust lyricism of Duke Ellington.

Adding his idiosyncratic style, he has created exceptional music throughout his career. Tracey has been appointed a CBE and has also won the BBC Radio Jazz Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He returns to Canterbury following his sell-out concert last year. You can

see him give a trio performance at the Gulbenkian Theatre at 7.45pm on Thursday, July 24. Tickets cost £16/£14. To book, phone the box office on 01227 769075, or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

The line-up of jazz acts continues at Orange Street Music Venue, where highlights will include experimental four-piece Outhouse on Friday, July 25; vocalist Gwyneth Herbert on Saturday, July 26; local pianists the David Rees-Williams Trio on Sunday, July 27; and piano and acoustic guitar duo Westcott & Rodway on Thursday, July 31.

There will be a family feeling to the festival when Sam and Sid Bailey make their contributions. On Monday, July 28, pianist Sam will perform as part of The Quartet, along with Jack Hughs on guitar, Tom Mason on double bass and Dave Smith on drums, while his father Sid will appear with the Sid Bailey Tailgate Six on Friday, August 1.

The six musicians have spent a life-

time playing jazz with New Orleans spice and the group includes JJ Vinton, who was George Melly's pianist for 11 years.

Orange Street is offering a special 'father and son' deal for these two concerts – take your father along and see both gigs for just £15 per person.

And you can discover what jazz mixed with heavy metal sounds like when Led Bib takes to the stage, while Huw Warren, winner of the BBC Innovation in Jazz Award, combines folk, jazz and classical influences in his piano compositions.

The festival will close with Canterbury's most famous jazzman Tony Coe playing with an all-star quartet on Saturday, August 9.

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Based on the Robert Louis Stevenson novel *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, the musical premiered on Broadway in 1997. For more than 220 years the story has fascinated readers, directors and film-makers and has been the subject of many interpretations, including a recent BBC reworking starring James Nesbitt.

This powerful musical follows the success of last year's *Les Miserables*, which played to sell-out audiences at the Granville Theatre.

Tickets are priced from £7. To book, phone the box office on 01843 591750. There will be a special preview, with the guest rehearsal on Tuesday – admission is by a minimum donation of £5 on the door.



FOLK AT THE BROOK

Friday, July 18
Hilderstone Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



TWO of the most accomplished guitar players on the folk scene will be appearing together for Folk At The Brook.

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Jon Sanders (pictured) takes advantage of the freedom within the contemporary acoustic music scene to infuse his playing with exciting elements of other genres, from jazz and funk to Gaelic. He divides his time between Dingle in Ireland and Auckland in New Zealand, spending six months of each year on tour.

Join them as they take you on a musical journey from west Kerry to Latino climes. The concert is presented by Broadstairs Folk Week and the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club. The gig starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Phone 0845 262 6263.



THE HAMSTERS

Saturday, July 19
Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre, Whitstable



HARD-WORKING rock band The Hamsters will be performing their 4,000th concert in Whitstable at the weekend.

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THANET LEISURE

T-Rex, Suzi Quatro and surprise guest at Quex

STEP back in time and enjoy the 70s Extravaganza at Quex Park, Birchington, on Saturday.

Dermot O'Leary and Kaddy Lee-Preston will be hosting the event, presented by Westgate & Birchington Rotary Club in aid of Cancer Care (QEQM) and other charities. Visitors can expect live music from T-Rex, The Glitter Band, Suzi Quatro and a surprise guest.

The event will run from 2pm to 11pm. Tickets cost £25 and are free for accompanied under-12s. To book, phone 01843 292795/296111.

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EXPERIENCE the sound of live jazz in the open air as the programme of entertainment at Cliftonville Bandstand continues.

The Bay Jazz Band will be performing on Sunday and music fans can listen for free. The concert will start at 2.30pm and finish at 4.30pm.

Future acts due to perform this summer include Faversham Mission Brass Band, City of Canterbury Band and Umbrella Men.

Different name but band is still rocking

ROCK out to the sounds of Zambu when the band play at the Britannia in Fort Hill, Margate, on Saturday.

The band were formed in 1995 as Shere Khan and have gone through a few line-up changes since then. Samples of their music can be heard on their website, www.zambu.co.uk.

For more details about the venue, phone 01843 223269.

All aboard the Frigate for great music night

FOR great live music, make your way to the Tartar Frigate in Broadstairs on Friday.

The soft rock covers duo Run VT will be performing at the pub in Harbour Street. For more details about the gig or venue, phone the pub on 01843 862013.

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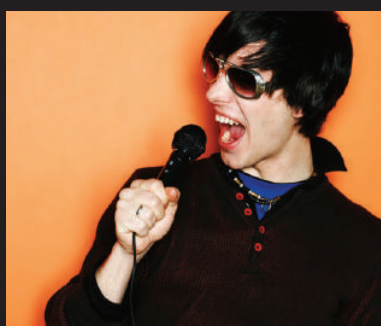
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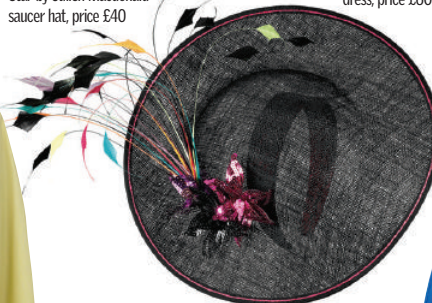


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YOUR TV REVIEW

BACK TO YOU
More 4, 9.35pm, Wednesday
MY FAMILY
BBC One, 8pm, Wednesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

On the second day God said: "Let there be Cheers," and he saw Cheers, and he saw that it was good.

On the third day, God created Fraiser and he saw that it too was good.

On the fourth day he said: "Let there be Back to You," – and that's where it all went horribly wrong.

It's not that this latest American sitcom is awful or that it doesn't occasionally raise a titter, but that it's almost an exact replica of its predecessor – just with a few nips and tucks.

Kelsey Grammar's last big project may have been a bonafide TV classic where he demonstrated that he was one of the few genuinely interesting TV actors left, but the whiff of laziness hangs over this like smog over the Olympic stadium.

It's a real disappointment that instead of moving on as he appeared to be doing (he played the bright blue, muscle-bound Thing in X Men 3 for those who didn't know) it's frustrating to see he has decided to plough the same furrow as a bumbling, middle-aged, unlucky-in-love male once again. You wonder why they would bother to remake a show that has only been off the air a few seasons, when they could have simply stretched out the original a little longer if need be.

If you never saw Fraiser then this could work for you, but it's still a drop in quality and I'd leave well alone if you were a fan of the shrink's antics and would rather not tarnish the memory.

I've never quite understood the pub-



OLD JOKES: Kelsey Grammar (right) seems to have made an error with More 4's Back To You

lic's fascination with My Family. I could more easily understand a fascination with my family, but no, not My Family.

I don't know anyone who tunes in, or will admit to it, yet it's a massive ratings hit for the BBC. Clearly some of you out there do like it.

Under the canned laughter though, I've always wondered where the jokes are hiding.

As the show simply isn't amusing I guess the appeal is that, in general, this overly silly, suburban nightmare is a closer representation of a typical family than those portrayed by say, EastEnders and picks up viewers who take comfort in that.

Not the heartiest recommendation for a comedy to compare it to a soap opera, but I really have laughed harder at Pauline Fowler's cardigans.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
GETTING help from a friend, lover or colleague is will be invaluable. If you keep turning this person away, your relationship will fall apart at the seams. You need to learn how to become more open. If that means relinquishing some of your independence, so be it.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
YOU finally have the money to buy something for your home. Refuse to feel guilty about indulging your love of luxury. You're long overdue for a treat. Making more time for simple pleasures like gardening and craftwork will put you in touch with similarly creative people.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
THIS week highlights your wit, charm, and grace. Now is the time to ask for that special favour. Trust your instincts with regard to a finance. It will require lots of effort on your part, but the long-term rewards will be worth it. A difficult work situation could come to an end.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOU know just what to do and say to win favour with the public. This is an excellent time to go on job interviews and auditions. Your extensive knowledge wins you points with an important committee. News about a business matter could open up exciting doors.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
WORK becomes a lot more pleasant this week. Maybe you'll be given a plum assignment. It's even possible an unpleasant colleague will change jobs. You should take time to celebrate. Worrying less about your job gives you more time for the people and activities you love.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
TAKING a short trip for pleasure could give you valuable perspective. Stop spending your precious time on thankless duties that make you miserable. A moneymaking idea allows you to spend more time with your family. It also gives you the freedom of working for yourself.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
SPENDING time on your own helps recharge your spiritual batteries. Friends give you positive feedback about a personal decision. Having their support will make all the difference to your ultimate success. You could even get help from an unexpected source.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
GOING on a trip could be in the cards. You've been longing to expand your horizons. Be sure to visit a city with an element of glamour to it. If you're single, you could meet someone special on this journey. The two of you will feel an instant physical attraction.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
THIS week opens an extended period of fun, romance and adventure. Enjoy this phase to the fullest. It will be much easier to strike a healthy balance between your personal and professional lives. A sudden revelation could help you come to terms with a long-held grudge.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
MONEY becomes more readily available for creature comforts. The happiness these possessions bring will be worth the investment. Learning a valuable skill makes you more confident. A dynamic instructor helps you soak up information like a sponge. They think you have talent.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
BEAUTIFYING a public space will be a good use of your time. You're greatly attuned to your surroundings. You may be surprised to learn how many people share your disgust and will work to improve things. Favourable publicity could come as a result of these efforts.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
BECOMING intimate with a love interest will prove a welcome distraction. It's a relief to be able to let down your defences. The more honest you are, the stronger your relationship will become. It's especially important to discuss taboo subjects, like religion, sex, and prejudices.
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A 28x28 crossword puzzle grid. The grid is black and white, with black squares indicating non-letter positions. Numbers 1 through 28 are placed in the top-left corner of the grid, indicating the starting positions for the words.

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15 Critical point (5-4)
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18 Proposition (7)
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21 Book size (6)
23 Stiff (5)

HARD

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It's Scilly to travel any further

BY GARY WRIGHT

IT may be a cliché, but as I gazed toward the sprinkling of tiny islands across the mauve waters reflecting the sunlight of the bay, I really could have been anywhere in the world.

Yet I was just 28 miles off the coast of mainland Britain, standing under a palm tree on one of the isle of Tresco's amazing beaches.

Tresco is arguably the prettiest of the archipelago that is the Isles of Scilly. But this idyllic location remains something of a secret; there are those 'in the know', the lucky few who have visited and come back year after year. And then there are the rest of us, who would perhaps struggle to point to the isles on a map.

The 2,000 residents – most of whom live on the main island of St Mary's – will happily tell you about the Gulf Stream that ensures higher temperatures and frost-free winters.

They might also mention their average wage is well under the rest of the UK and they might even moan, if light-heartedly, that the whole area is part of the Duchy of Cornwall and allows Prince Charles to rake in millions each year.

So, arguably, this is feudal Britain... but with a twist. Because they all love living there.

What they forget to mention, that it strikes any visitor immediately, is the lifestyle from another century. Everyone says 'good morning' and people really do leave their doors unlocked at night. No one can remember the last serious crime on the isles.

There is an air of innocence about the place,



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almost quaint, but it is sincere, unlike so many picturesque destinations.

But while Bryher is a walkers' paradise, with its granite hillsides, quartz-sprinkled beaches and dramatic views over the Atlantic breakers, do not think survival is basic.

Bryher's Hell Bay Hotel proves it's a luxury holiday location, too. Alongside some of the best service I've ever sampled in the UK, its cuisine is top-notch (sort of nouvelle British) and the wine list will please everyone.

Rooms are magnificent. Decorated in a simple New England style – pastel colours and plenty of wood – my balcony looked out to sea... next stop really was New York.

Its sister establishment on Tresco is The Island Hotel, a five-minute boat ride followed by tractor bus. Once again service was exceptional, but there was a more refined air – most people

dressed for dinner – compared with the newer Bryher upstart.

It is a regular in Britain's top 50 hotels and would be a winner in my book even if it were a potting shed, simply for its location. As I enjoyed a divine meal gazing across Long Point to Foreman's Island while the sun turned the sky red, I truly felt Scilly was unbeatable.

Tresco is the island of choice for many holiday-makers with its beaches, country walks, spectacular botanical gardens and lifestyle.

And the Flying Boat Club, with its restaurant bar, pool and spa, offers all the facilities of a first-class hotel for people staying in the club's beach houses and cottages.

So why are you flying halfway around the world for island isolation, spectacular scenery, exceptional service and escape from the crush of other holidaymakers?

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Holiday details

Getting there: Boat: Scillonian III passenger ferry. Departs from Penzance to St Mary's six days a week. From £76 return.

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Helicopter: British International. Fly from Penzance Heliport to St Mary's, six days a week. Prices from £112 to £160 return. Details of helicopter, visit www.islesofscillyhelicopter.com, or phone 01736 363871.

Gary Wright was a guest at both the Hell Bay Hotel on Bryher (from £130 to £300 per person, including breakfast dinner and VAT) and The Island Hotel on Tresco (from £130 to £360 per person, including breakfast, dinner and VAT). For details, visit www.hellbay.co.uk and www.islandhotel.co.uk.

For timeshare options on Tresco with three-year advance rent and guaranteed cash-back and buy-back, see www.tresco.co.uk, or phone Tresco Estates on 01720 422849.

Boat travel between islands varies from £3 up, but hotels can advise and organise travel between islands.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Cooperation could help house market

THE Home Builders Federation wants the Government to do more to help provide affordable homes to buyers across the UK.

Executive chairman Stewart Baseley said any moves in this direction would go some way to boosting the country's property market and provide greater confidence for both sellers and buyers.

He said that it was only the private sector which could help in this area by delivering homes which were at the right price for those looking to buy, and ministers should ensure that they worked as closely as possible with developers to assist them in any way possible.

"This will bring much-needed confidence to the market," said Mr Baseley.

Housing minister Caroline Flint has unveiled moves in this direction, with £270 million released through the Housing Corporation to build new homes.

The Federation called this "a step in the right direction" but added more needs to be done.

Government targets for new homes include a total of 240,000 to be built across the UK each year by 2016.

Stable interest rate predicted by analyst

INTEREST rates in the UK will remain on hold at five per cent until the end of this year, according to a leading economist.

Ross Walker, of the Royal Bank of Scotland, said the trend of rising inflation rates and a weakening economy will keep rates stable for the next five months at least.

He said in reference to decision-making in today's economic climate: "The Monetary Policy Committee is stuck like the proverbial rabbit in the headlights."

But he added that he felt there would be movement next year, most likely in the first quarter.

The Bank of England, which oversees interest rates in the UK, is looking at how best to combat the credit crunch which has combined with high oil prices and increased food prices to cause the economic downturn.

The final decision on interest rates is the responsibility of the bank's Monetary Policy Committee, which agreed last week to hold rates at five per cent.



USEFUL PROJECT: Empty buildings are being renovated as housing – the initiative has been so successful in east Kent that other district councils are joining the scheme

New homes from old

Scheme has seen almost 500 properties brought back to use

A PLAN which is helping to create new homes across the county by bringing long-term empty properties back into use has exceeded its delivery target.

Following a pioneering programme, it has spread countywide and is aimed at renovating derelict properties – which are both useless and an eyesore.

Launched in 2005, No Use Empty – the Kent Empty Property Initiative started as a partnership between Kent County Council and east Kent coastal authorities including Dover, Shepway and Thanet.

Research had earlier revealed they had a large number of empty homes.

New figures just released reveal that in the past three years almost 500 properties have been brought back into use as new, good-quality homes and that the remaining district councils

■ BY NICK AMES

from across the county have joined the initiative.

The initial three-year target for the number of empty properties to be returned to use was 372, and this figure has been surpassed by more than 30 per cent, with a total of 487 vacant properties given a new lease of life and turned into a home.

Roger Gough, cabinet member for regeneration at KCC, said: "Empty houses are a scourge on our local communities, preventing investment and regeneration, devaluing surrounding properties, attracting anti-social behaviour and depriving people of a much-needed home."

"In teaming up with local authorities from across the county, Kent has tackled this issue head-on, delivering outstanding results which prove this initiative is an effective and efficient approach to tackling empty housing."

"This success is a great testimony to the hard work and dedication of the No Use Empty project team, but especially to the empty property officers from across the local district councils."

"The initiative has been widely praised across the UK as a unique partnership between county and local councils and is a blueprint for other councils in the country to follow."

David Ireland, chief executive of the Empty Homes Agency, said: "No Use Empty has more than lived up to its early promise."

"Not only have the councils performed well, but the initiative has had a catalytic effect encouraging others to bring empty homes back into use."

"The numbers of empty homes in east Kent have dropped significantly over the past three years. We think that Kent has created a fantastic model that other parts of the country should follow."

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MOTORS NEWS



Greenest Fiesta comes with go-faster stripes

FORD will use next week's British International Motor Show at Excel, London (July 23-August 3) as the launch pad for an all-new and even more pivotal Fiesta model.

The original car was launched in 1976 and the latest generation will feature some of the greenest ever versions of the long-running hatchback.

Ironically, for these tough motoring times though, it will be one of the raciest looking Fiestas ever.

It goes on sale in October in both three and five-door forms.



Twingo's sporty twist ready for September

RENAULT'S new Twingo may have been upstaged by the arrival of the Fiat 500, but dealers are taking orders for September delivery of this sporting flagship wearing charismatic 'Renaultsport' performance branding.

The £11,550 Twingo Renaultsport 133 has a 1.6-litre petrol engine, with standard kit including Renaultsport tuned chassis plus electronic stability control, 16-inch alloys and a suitably sporty interior with Renaultsport front seats and orange seatbelts. Renault might yet add a turbocharger to create an ultimate model later on, though.



New eco-friendly 4x4 is Audi's posh creation

AUDI will slot a smaller SUV into its line-up later this year.

The Q5 will sit below the big Q7 and should be a leisure 4x4 more suited to straitened times, while offering a prestige badge and style.

The German executive marque claims the newcomer combines the poise of a sports saloon with the flexibility of a performance SUV (sports utility vehicle) and will be suitable for all seasons and all surfaces.

Prices are expected to start at £30,000.



DREAM MACHINE: It may be some time before residual values of the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon can match those of German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before

Alfa striking right chord with this classy number

IS the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon the ultimate estate car for style?

Based on the gorgeous-looking saloon, this 'liftback' model just oozes class, from the distinctive 'shield' grille and flanking array of lamps to the sharply cut short overhang back end.

Of course, like most so-called 'lifestyle estates' it isn't the ultimate load carrier space-wise, but the marriage of extra practicality with looks is hard to beat.

Omens are also good for the lifetime of this handsome lifestyle wagon; after several much heralded new, but eventually false dawns on the durability front, this latest Alfa family model seems to wear well.

Okay, it might be some time before residual values match German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before.

As always with an Alfa it is also easy to silence nagging doubts inside the head by pulling on the heart strings as you fire up the engine and head for the open road, especially when the model in question is the £27,850 flagship 159 2.4-litre diesel Sportwagon in Lusso spec with all-wheel drive, as tested here.

ROAD TEST ALFA ROMEO 159

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This is an Audi Quattro Avant with Italian style and flair and, based on experience with more humdrum 159 models, this is where you want to be if you can afford it.

Well-designed leather upholstery and extra toys suit the thoroughbred class of the Italian headturner.

The engine can be gruff, but 210bhp and ample low down torque can be applied beautifully via the Q4 system – Alfa's trade name for its 'quattro' equivalent.

The result is a taut driver's car without ride discomfort – a sporting estate with everyday family appeal.

Even the interior has sufficient style without the silly attempts at individualism that have marred Alfas of the past.

There is also decent head and legroom in the back plus clever stowage in the boot even if the six-CD autochanger is to be found there rather than in the dashboard.

Yes, the 159 range (from £18,550) is a milestone for the Italian brand – a buyer's head and heart can be in harmony at last on this classy number.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

POPULAR SUPERMINIS

As more people downsize their car and their fuel and road tax bills, chances are that one or all of the following popular used superminis will be on their shopping list. Year in, year out they are the UK's most consistent best-sellers – a trend expected to become even firmer in the current economic climate. A word of warning though; as second-hand prices harden, make sure you don't pay more than it would cost to keep your old car longer or even make you think about a new car.

FORD FIESTA



FORD'S hugely successful supermini marches on with a new model at the end of this summer, but don't expect a weakening in used prices; the credit crunch, rising fuel prices and draconian road taxes have made the Fiesta a top target for its reliability, decent driving experience, engines to suit all pockets and three and five-door body styles. Ford has also regularly produced special and limited editions laden with extra goodies, offering plenty more choice – at a price.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL CORSA



VAUXHALL'S Corsa was created to attack the Ford Fiesta head on, yet has never quite achieved the volumes of its rival. Nevertheless, it offers the same virtues, plus a greater range of engines including a punchy and frugal, if a little buzzy, three-cylinder petrol engine now in greater demand due to these straitened times. Several generations of Corsa followed a 'teardrop' body style, but the latest car is bigger and more aggressively sculpted – almost a 'supersize supermini'.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

RENAULT CLIO



DOWNSIZING can be sensible and chic with the Clio and the most recent generations have married durability and driving fun with Gallic charm. Again, the option of three or five doors is a big selling point, but our French contender also has the bonus of excellent diesel versions, though the cost of the actual fuel versus petrol argues against it currently. The Clio design has tended to be highly practical as well as charming, with good space for rear passengers.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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146 I, 5 door, p 1996, a car that will one day become a collectors item. this car is a 2 owner from new with full service history mainly main dealer. it has the 2.0 engine which produces 150bhp, along with a 5 speed manual gearbox, a test drive is welcome as well as any inspection, pz is available against this car. red, 94000 miles, £1495, Courtney Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714948 (TRADE)

147, TD 02, g57tly, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, grey, 14000 miles, £1395, Thames Group, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, 1.4 SPORT 5dr, 03/10/2002, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, silver, 38488 miles, £5499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

A2, 2.0 TDI 140 bhp Sport 3dr, 1/5/2001, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, cruise control interior, sports seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, dual climate zones, alloy wheels, black, 58843 miles, £6400, miles, £3990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

A4, 2.0T FSI S Line 2dr Multitronic, g60bqk, red, 20200 miles, £19994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

A4, 2.0 TDI SE 4dr, v55ftu, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, black, 58843 miles, £11999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

A4, 1.8T S Line Saloon 4d 1781cc (2004), m04tbk, climate control, abs braking system, alloy wheels, remote locking, half leather interior, electric windows & mirrors, alarm / immobiliser, radio / cd, power steering, height adjustable driver's seat, height adjustable steering wheel, front & side airbags, black metallic, 88600 miles, £10995, E-SUREDD Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, blenheim silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

318 SE SALOON, 022 (02) bmnw 318 se (face lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey coachwork with immaculate grey trim, full service history (just serviced) manual gear box, traction control, cruise control, remote central locking, alarm, air con, power seats, ew 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, alloy wheels, original cd hi-fi + much more, stunning condition, true luxury at an affordable price. only £7695, metallic grey, 102, 000 miles, £7695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, LTX 2.0, gk08nw, finished in dentral blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX, g56cdy, finished in red with interior, red, 17000 miles, £4749, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, 2005, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs body coloured bumpers central locking cloth seat trim drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front head restraints immobiliser pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear wiper sports seats steel wheels, silver, 14000 miles, £4295, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

MATIZ, 1.0SE A/, g57Fee, finished in ocean blue with blue interior, blue, 5000 miles, £7590, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 0.8, 1160639, finished in ocean blue with black interior, blue, 8000 miles, £5995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SX 1.0, g60Vgn, finished in yellow with interior, yellow, 6000 miles, £4995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SX 1.6, g56kcu, finished in blue with black cloth interior, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX Plus Auto, n55 zng, front fog lamps, roof rails, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 24300 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7/8 auto estate, 2007, blenheim crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10557 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 lxi automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new met, ew 4, em, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new, £395, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

CITROEN

CITROEN BERLINGO 800, 04 2005, 1.9d i x side door white pas 43,000 miles fish lined, £4350, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i RHYTHM 5dr, 1.0i rhythm 5dr hatch, gallium grey, 1000 miles, £7995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

DAEWOO NUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot jul 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3d 1349cc, v583Vim, new met very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX 1998c 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm drivers airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

CHARADE, 1.0 SL 5dr Hatchback, 07/2004, a/con alloy wheels electric windows central locking pas, champagne, 11, 000 miles, £3995, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

FIAT

FIAT DUCATO 11 rmbw, 11 2005, 2.3 td hi top 39,000 miles fish shelled lined one owner driver elec pack, £5495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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CINQUECENTO, m/1994, manual locking manual windows, red, 74, 000 miles, £1195, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

PANDA, Dynamic, 2004, yellow, 32817 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

PUNTO, Active Multijet tdi, 1154dcu, immobiliser, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, stereo, red, 60000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

PUNTO, Jtd Van, ov04vk, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, stereo, grey, 49000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 8v 3dr, g51t1o, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, stereo, silver, 75000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

PUNTO, Dynamic 3dr, gm03rkn, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, of player, grey, 53000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

SEDCI, Eleganza, yh06kcn, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, towbar, trip computer, gold, 9515 miles, £7495, Thames Group, Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

FORD

FORD CONNECT T200, 11 2005, 1.8 tdi swb white side door 67,000 miles fish, £4995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ESCORT, 1.8TDI LX, 1998, insurance group 8 3 owners service history central locking drivers airbag power steering immobiliser, tummalred green, 70000 miles, £1899, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

ESCORT, FINESSE 5dr, x376ge, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, 15" alloys, blue, 33000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Freestyle 16v 3dr, y78bkn, immobiliser, power steering, central locking, electric windows, air conditioning, air bag, cloth upholstery, head restraints, cd player, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, moonduist silver, 59000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec 5dr, 736461, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, 14" alloys, black, 85000 miles, £1799, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec-S 3dr, 393461, immobiliser, power steering, electric windows, air bag, cloth upholstery, head restraints, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, 15" alloys, racing blue, 80000 miles, £4299, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Freestyle 16v 3dr, y78bkn, immobiliser, power steering, central locking, electric windows, air conditioning, air bag, cloth upholstery, head restraints, cd player, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, moonduist silver, 59000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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HONDA

CIVIC, TORNAO 1.4, 1, 1998, turquise, 107000 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

HYUNDA

MATRIX, Gsi Auto, n05 dw, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, central locking, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, electric windows, metallic paintwork, climate control, cruise control, heated seats, electric seats, electric front windows, electric windows, front fog lamps, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, half leather, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, rear headrests, auto lighting, headlamp wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, powered folding mirrors, air conditioning, electric sunroof, stereo, radio, cd player, radio cassette, 17" alloys, granite sky met, 75487 miles, £5499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

MATRIX, CDX, gk02xa, full leather, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, air conditioning, electric sunroof, stereo, radio, cd player, radio cassette, 17" alloys, granite sky met, 75487 miles, £5499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

3.2, 2.0 SPORT 5dr [AC], 26/07/2002, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 62385 miles, £3800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

626, 1.8i LX, 1997, insurance group 14 2 owners service history central locking front electric windows power steering air conditioning immobiliser, power steering, 77000 miles, £1699, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MAZDA6, 6 ts2, h04wrmg, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, rear wash/wipe, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio, immobiliser, 16" alloys, grey, 64000 miles, £5499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8i 2dr, 123716127, electric windows, abs, air bag, twin air bags, alarm, central locking, electric front windows, cd player, electric mirrors, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, multi-function steering wheel, steering wheel audio controls, stereo, 16" alloys, black, met, 10289 miles, £11999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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OARENS, 2.0 CRDI LS [7 Seat] Diesel, 2007, insurance group 10 abs alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers climate control cruise control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors electric sunroof folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, pure silver, 13110 miles, £11995, Masters Bromley Kid, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SEDONA, L CRDI, g54 ifn, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, height adjustable seat, electric front windows, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, dual climate zones, red, 43900 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 90 TDS Hertford County Station Wagon, 10903054, full leather, side steps, sunroof, remote alarm, power steering, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, dual cab box is £185 per year on this vehicle, bronze green, 10000 miles, £14995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 90 TDS Hertford County Station Wagon, 10903054, full leather, side steps, sunroof, remote alarm, power steering, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, dual cab box is £185 per year on this vehicle, bronze green, 10000 miles, £14995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 130 Double Cab Alloy Dorside with Atlas Crane, 10033180, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, direct from utilities company only 36, 000 miles, 6 seats, double cab with alloy dorside (removable sides can be flat bed) with atlas crane in excellent working order, 1 year new, 1 years mod f, white, £12000, BHRV Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 110 TDS County Double Cab Pick Up, du542q, alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, rear wash/wipe, side steps, tow pack, electric front windows, cd player, 16" alloys, 4x4, cubby box, full landrover service history, alveston red, 27000 miles, £13000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 110 Hand-Tap TDS, v53yfu, power steering, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, radio cassette, 4x4, 1 previous owner, full service history, 3 x front seats, white, 83000 miles, £7000, BHRV Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

FREELANDER, g05sax, finished in black with interior, black, 34000 miles, £7995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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GS300, GS 300 SE, 503461, remote alarm, central locking, full leather, anti-lock brakes, air bag, abs, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, climate control, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, blue, 13000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

IS, 200 2.0 SE 4dr Auto, 123386127, headlamp wash/wipe, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, traction control, climate control, cruise control, heated seats, electric seats, electric front windows, electric windows, front fog lamps, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, half leather, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, rear headrests, auto lighting, headlamp wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, powered folding mirrors, air conditioning, electric sunroof, stereo, radio, cd player, radio cassette, 17" alloys, granite sky met, 75487 miles, £5499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

MAZDA, 3.2, 2.0 SPORT 5dr [AC], 26/07/2002, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 62385 miles, £3800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

626, 1.8i LX, 1997, insurance group 14 2 owners service history central locking front electric windows power steering air conditioning immobiliser, power steering, 77000 miles, £1699, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MAZDA6, 6 ts2, h04wrmg, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, rear wash/wipe, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio, immobiliser, 16" alloys, grey, 64000 miles, £5499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8i 2dr, 123716127, electric windows, abs, air bag, twin air bags, alarm, central locking, electric front windows, cd player, electric mirrors, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, multi-function steering wheel, steering wheel audio controls, stereo, 16" alloys, black, met, 10289 miles, £11999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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ALMERA, S 5dr, 658461, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, stereo, blue, 23000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT, 206, LX 3dr, 718461, cloth upholstery, remote central locking, head restraints, power steering, air bag, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, blue, 62000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

307, 1.6 LX 16v 5dr Auto [AC], 23/04/2003, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, red, 71880 miles, £4999, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

307, Rapier 5dr, yk03 xep, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, electric front windows, cd player, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, curtain airbags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, yellow, 25900 miles, £4295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

MERCEDES-BENZ

230 SPORT COMPRESSOR, 1998, fantastic car with full ivory leather interior, full sport pack, lilac/blue, 57, 000 miles, £5999.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER S, 1.6 3 DR, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual red, 41 doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £3995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

ONE, 1.6 3dr, 30/09/2005, cd player abs airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 20237 miles, £9999, 01233 642211, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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MITSUBISHI L 200, 09 2006, 2.5 td i-d 1.4e 4x4 pick up air con 9,000 miles, 6 seats, double cab with alloy dorside (removable sides can be flat bed) with atlas crane in excellent working order, 1 year new, 1 years mod f, white, £12000, BHRV Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.5 SPORT, 2004, black, miles, £9995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.5 CCZC 2dr, gk08vj, adjustable seats, adjustable steering wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, foglights, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, insurance group: 8, blue, 20000 miles, £10699, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

SHOGUN SPORT, g06fear, abs + ebd, adjustable seat height, air conditioning, central door locking, electricdoor mirrors, electric windows x4, front fog lamps, full leather interior, immobiliser, metallic paint, pas, insurance group: 14, grey, 23000 miles, £11994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

SHOGUN SPORT, g055wv, 4 x 4, abs + ebd, adjustable seat height, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, cd player, electricdoor mirrors, electric windows x4, front fog lamps, full leather interior, immobiliser, large main dealer group, leather gear shift & steering wheel, black, 38000 miles, £10994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

SPACE STAR, g54cuk, immobiliser, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, aluminium wheels, 38000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

NISSAN, NISSAN KUBISTAR (kangoo), 12 2005, 1.5 dci 70 se elec pack py lined met silver, mpg 52 40,000 miles fish cd, £4495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

NISSAN, primastar 2700 se, 09/2006, 1.9 dci 100 sub elec windows 6 speed cd blue mpg 36 5,

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TWO FOR TEE?
Bubbly, outgoing female, 21, blonde, medium build, loves country, fun nights out, playing golf etc, WLTW guy, 21-27, to share fun times with! Box 891190

FANCY GOING DUTCH?
I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking and music, festivals! Looking for a lovely man with GSOH, for something special! Box 893230

UP FOR LOVE?
Attractive female, very bubbly, 29, 5'4", short hair, blue eyes, up for anything, seeking male 25-45, caring with good personality, kids welcome, for love, Box 442142

TAKE ME OUT
Female, 30, fun, friendly, bright, bubbly, little, lovable, bored of being single and looking for a man to keep me smiling! Box 895349

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041

ANIMAL MAGIC!
Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, Tottenham, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

HISTORIC MEETING?
Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 35-40, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

MEND A BROKEN HEART
Single mum of three, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053

LOVE IS ALL AROUND
Young-looking 40yr old female, 5'5", long hair, single mum, GSOH, WLTW caring, honest, fun-loving male, for LTR. Box 441641

ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION
Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, likes cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship. Box 442205

COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5'8", a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

BLACK MAGIC
Loving black female, 49yr old, slim build, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTW a gentleman for a romantic relationship. Box 441622

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out, possible LTR. Box 440879

PET ME
Sincere caring female, 50, 5'2", likes gardening, animals, outdoors, socialising, seeking similar non-smoker with GSOH for friendship, relationship. Box 441981

HOW MANY BOXES CAN YOU TICK?
Young-at-heart, honest, caring female, 50, 5'6", dark brown hair, slim-medium build, enjoys going out, the countryside, seaside, seeking similar reliable male for friendship/more. Box 442126

JUST IMAGINE
Petite, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys being a mum, eating out, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Bubbly, caring, honest, fun-loving male, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Box 4417100

LONELINESS NO MORE!
Maxine, 51, an Aries, very loving, romantic, have grown-up children, love walks, socialising, seeking similar aged male who wants to stop being alone! Box 440774

LOVELY LADY...
53, fit and healthy, single now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sports and live music let's chat! Box 923309

LOVING & HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Jovial, caring female, 51, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, own business, WLTW nice, tall, good looking for laughter, life and love. Box 926614

COAST AND COUNTRY
Hi, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5'3", dark hair, I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430032

MAKE ME SMILE
Kind-hearted woman, 55, 5'2", short blonde hair, blue eyes, likes conversations, nights out, long walks, WLTW a similar male for fun & friendship, maybe more. Box 890167

FANCY A DRINK?
Divorced female, 47, 5'4", curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTW nice and genuine male, non-smoker, 43-53, with GSOH, for a relationship. Box 442303

LIFE IS FOR LIVING!
Genuine, outgoing single mum, 48, enjoys swimming, the outdoors and travelling, WLTW male to travel and enjoy life with. Take the plunge! Box 891011

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make a grade. Box 892640

WALKS ALONG THE COAST
Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH
Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

SUE BY THE SEA
Shy widow with GSOH, 59, enjoys walks, eating out, music and cooking, looking for friendship and male company. Box 442260

GIVE & TAKE
Happy, contented, well-balanced lady, 53, 5'4", medium build, not ugly! I love the countryside, pets, theatre, dining out. WLTW gentleman with similar lifestyle initially, for friendship. Box 441201

MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS
Hi there, kind-hearted 57yr old sincere lady, non-smoker, recently separated, seeking kind, honest gent for friendship first and to make me laugh. Box 440637

IN MY SIGHTS
Lovely, curvaceous lady, 57yr old, enjoys visual arts and travelling, WLTW a genuine male, 50-60 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 441382

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SECURITY AND WARMTH
I'm 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178

ACCOMPANY ME
Medium build male, 36, enjoys films, music, playing pool, keeping fit, for someone I can love and dine and woo. Box 442280

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like a real, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

LOVE ME DO
Hi, I'm 38yrs old & fun, friendly & reliable, looking for friendship to start with, possibly of a relationship. Box 442309

QUALITY TIME
Laid-back, sincere male, 38, 5'11", fair hair green eyes, enjoys travelling, football, family time, seeking easygoing, fun-loving Box 441389

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
Tall and handsome male, 39, dark hair, divorced, WLTW a larger lady, size 14, 22-30, for a long term relationship. Box 442162

DO WE FIT TOGETHER?
Frank, 41, carpenter, 6'11", very down-to-earth, medium build, nervous! Seeking a female for friendship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439853

I CAN MAKE YOU SMILE
Separated father, 6'11", chef, enjoy good wine and food, walks on the beach, WLTW female for fun and good company. Box 441499

ADAM SEEKS EVE
Divorced dad, 42, enjoys going out, long walks, cooking, seeking bubbly, fun, easygoing lady to spend life with. Box 442228

CAN YOU RESIST?
Fun-loving humorous guy, 43, seeking a nice, genuine, honest and friendly female who is down to earth and fun. Box 442204

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Black British male, 26, enjoys computer games, pubs, basking and keeping fit, WLTW a down to earth lady for friendship, maybe more. Box 442298

SOCIABLE SORT
Good looking male, 27yr old, a big bear, days out, nights in, watching music, reading and art, WLTW a lady, age and appearance not important! Box 442174

BURNING DESIRE
Firefighter, 32, 6ft, sporty build, brown hair/blue eyes, likes hiking, travel, the good life, seeking female 28-45, attractive, fun, sexy, for good nights... Box 442204

TO BE WITH YOU
Down-to-earth gentle chap, 34, likes clubbing, walking, going out, socialising, seeking similar female for lasting happiness. Box 442249

ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD
Easygoing male, 33, 5'4", dark hair, blue eyes, likes sport, football, eating out/in, WLTW lady with similar interests, laidback, for like-minded good times. Box 440517

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Romantic male, 33, 5'9", blue eyes/brown hair, slim-medium build, N/S, likes meals out, art, walks, seeks special female partner, for true happiness. Rochester. Box 388153

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BACK ON THE MARKET!
Caring male, 43yr old, 6ft, slim, enjoys pub and socialising, WLTW a bubbly, charming girl, looks not important, for some fun conversations and dates. Box 442272

TLC + LTR
Genuine male, 43, 6'4", slim build, enjoys walks on the beach, gardening, motorsport and eating out. WLTW female for a long-term relationship. Box 441595

LOVE IN THE STARS
Genuine reliable male, 43, likes pubs, days out, nights in, watching films, good-looking, seeking curvy female 29-48 for mutual love & happiness. Box 442108

GIVE IT A SHOT
Generous, considerate, caring white male, 43, hard-working, 5'7", medium build, enjoys night out, nice surroundings, seeking like-minded female to build romantic future and LTR with. Box 890290

CRAZY FOR YOU
Attractive, considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks medium lady to take out, a soulmate. Box 442191

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded good times for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

JOIN ME, COMPLETE US
Young-looking 44yr old white male, seeking LTR with a slim, attractive, tall African lady with long hair or braids. Box 442185

SHOGS & CUDDLES PLEASE
Shy but outgoing 46yr old male with GSOH and outgoing nature, seeking a lovely like-minded lady for cuddles and snogs. Box 437352

SOMEONE TO SHARE LOVE WITH
Kind, considerate, caring, honest guy, 47, 6ft, hazel eyes, brown eyes, medium build, like football, swimming, reading, driving, seeking caring female to share life with! Box 892531

PASSION FLOWER
Slim, sincere Scorpio male, 49, intelligent, warm with a wicked S.O., considerate, honest, passionate guy looking for a similar woman. Box 892156

AS GOOD AS IT GETS
Honest, reliable male, 50, 6'11", blue eyes, no lies, likes TV, music, drinks in/out, seeking female 40-65 who wants to be loved for LTR. Box 442318

LET'S GET TOGETHER
50yr old single parent, lonely, WLTW girl with GSOH into sport, driving, travelling, music, perhaps up for love and lasting happiness. Box 442333

MY HEART WILL GO ON
50, young-at-heart, 5'11", 5'5", likes eating in/out, cinema, music, country walks, WLTW a nice, cuddly lady, 60-70. Box 440903

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive, slim male, 51, 5'7", enjoys reading, books, poetry, art galleries, keeping fit and Asian food, WLTW slim, interesting conversationalists for an active life together. Box 440620

IN MY SIGHTS
Genuine, friendly male, 52, slender build, dark brown hair, blue eyes, likes wine/dining, music, movies and nights in, seeks easygoing female. Box 442281

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Loving, considerate male, 53, enjoys walks on the beach, gardening, motorsport and eating out. WLTW female for a long-term relationship. Box 441267

PERFECT GENTLEMAN
Widower, 51'10, 53, GSOH, outgoing, fairly fit, genuine, sincere, scrup up well, like clubs, music, travel, holidays, WLTW nice female, 50-58, with similar outlook. Box 434562

BOOGIE NIGHTS
Old-fashioned, traditional male, loyal, honest, 56, 5'11to, grown-up kids, likes the coast, country music, car fairs, various music, dining in/out. Box 431482

LOVE BOAT
Recently divorced male, 56, young looking, enjoys life to the full, enjoys pubs, restaurants and cruises, WLTW a similar female for a relationship. Box 442282

THAT CERTAIN FEMALE
Hi I'm 57, good looking, fit, healthy, 6'2, confident, hard-working, 1 daughter (21), enjoys music, cooking, seeking cuddles, good times with you. Box 440668

CATCH
Divorced male, 56, own business, loves country life, horses, dogs, pubs, meals out/looks honest, sincere female, 35-45, to spoil and for fun relationship. Cranbrook. Box 800787

LOVE A GIGGLE
58yr old honest, active, sporty chap, looking for a nice, cheerful, slim and attractive woman to share outdoor pursuits. Box 436505

HI THERE!
Hello, 59yr old gent, stocky, 5'11", great SOH, seeking black, larger lady of African/S African descent, for LTR. Box 435873

COME ON OVER
40yrs young, handsome male, 6'11", athletic, loves keeping fit, cricket, music (classical/blues), cooking; seeking lady to see what happens! Gina, call again, leave contact details! Box 433831

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Closing date: **Friday 25th July 2008 at midday**
Interview date: **Friday 1st August 2008**

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You will have excellent organisational, communication and negotiation skills. You will need to demonstrate motivation, and the ability to work on your own or as part of a team. Previous experience of working with or within a construction environment as well as a current understanding of the Education sector is essential, with previous experience in procurement or the public sector an advantage.

Ref: CFHE/08/0283

Closing date: Midday, 24th July 2008.

Interview date: 12th August 2008.

Westwood Centre, Margate

All posts are fixed term until August 2009

Team Leader

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 pa

Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could you support and offer guidance to other colleagues?

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The primary function of this role is to manage and support the Kent Safe Schools Alternative Curriculum Provision at the Westwood Centre. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people.

This potentially challenging yet highly rewarding role will encourage an organised, innovative and young person's focussed approach to education, working effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda.

The role will include working alongside staff, agencies, schools, communities, parents and young people to identify opportunities to establish robust working partnerships. You will manage the provision of full time education for the young people and also have a shared responsibility for supporting other staff in a similar area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

Ref: CFHE/08/0272

Project Officer

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The role will include working alongside other staff members, agencies, schools, communities and parents to maximise young peoples learning opportunities and to establish robust working partnerships.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

Ref: CFHE/08/0271

Project Assistant

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4 Posts with the possibility of an 18.5 hour job share for the equivalent of one post

Kent Safe Schools have successfully secured a bid to support permanently excluded young people through alternative education programmes.

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Ref: CFHE/08/0273

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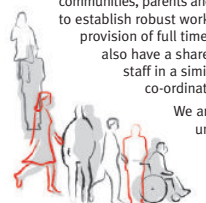
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Marketing man to lead young entrepreneurs

KENT Association for Young Entrepreneurs has appointed a new chairman.

The only organisation of its kind in the country committed to helping the county's young entrepreneurs, it has appointed David Ing to the role. He is managing director of Maidstone-based CFA Marketing Communications.

It follows a three-year involvement with the organisation, which is supported by the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors.

He takes over from Jo Ostermeyer, of chartered accountants Creaseys LLP.

Travel firms moves into luxury with takeover

MAIDSTONE-based Medway Travel is celebrating its 15th year in business by expanding into a rapidly growing niche area for luxury holidays.

It has just taken over the Wellbeing Holidays International brand by merging tour operator Pegasus Luxury Travel into its business.

Pegasus's Geoff Davies, who set up the travel firm in 1997, approached Medway Travel and asked if it would like to work with him.

Paul Julius, of Medway Travel, saw it as a way of meeting increasing demands from customers for luxury holidays.

Eco merchant in line for green leader award

AN ECO-FRIENDLY building and decorating materials supplier is in the running for a top green business award.

Ecomerchant, based in Goodnestone, near Canterbury, has been selected as one of the top 40 environment-friendly businesses in this year's Barclays Commercial Bank Green Leaders in Business Awards.

The company was founded ten years ago by Joe Wild after he discovered how difficult it was to source such materials.

It will now bid to be crowned the National Green Leader in Business in the medium business category.

There's a new face at chamber's helm

Director Jo takes on Kent Invicta chief executive role

■ BY TONY PATEY

IT'S all change at the top of one of the county's biggest business support organisations, after Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce appointed a new chief executive.

Chris Capron has stepped down from the role because of long-term illness and been replaced by Jo James.

Mr Capron has been at the helm of the chamber for the past nine years, successfully guiding it through an era of expansion.

He built it from the Ashford Chamber of Commerce to become Kent Invicta Chamber, which covers the areas of Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone and west Kent, with offices in Ashford and Maidstone.

As the largest chamber in the county – and now one of the largest in the South East – Kent Invicta has an active membership of 1,200 businesses.

Graham Galpin, the chamber's chairman, said: "It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with Mr Capron, to whom we owe so much."

"He has placed the chamber in an enviable position and one of great strength."

"Since he has been recovering from surgery in November, Mrs James, the chamber's director of

membership services, has taken on the role as acting chief executive and has done an excellent job in keeping it moving forward in this difficult interim period.

"Having worked for the chamber since 1989, Mrs James has been involved in all aspects of the chamber's activities and has been at the forefront of many of its developments and achievements over this period."

"Her enthusiasm and experience will ensure that it continues to grow and develop for the benefit of the membership. I have no doubt it will continue to move forward under her capable guidance."

Mrs James said: "I am, of course, thrilled and proud to take on the chief executive role and will continue to work for its benefit, as well as for the members and the business community as a whole."

"Naturally, I hope to inject into the position my own philosophies, and there are likely to be some changes because of that."

"I see my role very much as a guide, helping the board and the staff to find the best way to develop the chamber to the benefit of the members and the community."

To find out more about the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, you can email info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk, phone 01233 503838, or visit www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk.




TOP JOB: Jo James has been appointed chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce after Chris Capron resigned because of ill-health, after helping its expansion

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Second string fail to cross The Mote

BROADSTAIRS 2nd XI were handily beaten by five wickets at the hands of The Mote at the weekend.

The Thanet club's batsmen could only muster a disappointing score of 136-8 from their 50 overs with Richard Usher and Matthew White both claiming three wickets apiece.

The Mote cruised to victory with almost five overs to spare thanks to an unbeaten knock of 60 from White.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about his side's busy pre-season schedule

Broadstairs lose with just two balls remaining

A HALF century from Ed De Lucy proved the difference as The Mote won a tight game against Broadstairs by two wickets in the final over.

The hosts won the toss and elected to bowl, making a breakthrough early on with the dismissal of Broadstairs opener David Cooper.

Ben Futter (23) and Craig Wretham (20) made decent starts to their innings but both fell to The Mote skipper Glen Aukett before they could make significant contributions.

It was a familiar theme for Broadstairs, with Scott Narraway top scoring with only 33 as Broadstairs reached 161-9 when their overs ran out.

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

The Mote made a bright start to their reply but again found runs hard to come by. Tom Harvey and De Lucy combined well to put the home side on top, with the latter making it to 54 before he was trapped lbw by Narraway.

Three wickets from Ashley Ellison kept Broadstairs in the match before The Mote stumbled across the winning line with just two balls remaining.

Victory kept The Mote's promotion hopes alive as they rose to third place, while defeat meant Broadstairs stay in the bottom two, ten points from safety.



TIGHT: The Mote (bowling) scraped to a narrow victory against Broadstairs

Kent League Division One

The Mote CC 1st XI v Broadstairs CC 1st XI

Broadstairs

	Runs
Ben Futter lbw b Aukett	23
David Cooper ct Marriott b Waters	4
Craig Wretham lbw b Aukett	20
Neil Brennan cbb Bell	17
Scott Narraway run out	33
Andrew Bailey b Harvey	6
Alex Hogben ct Waters b Harvey	8
Liam Narraway not out	17
Chris Kidd b Bell	10
Andrew Marshall lbw b Bell	2
Ashley Ellison not out	1

Extras (3b 9lb 8w) 20

Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) 161

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Back	7	2	24	0
Laurence Waters	4	1	14	1
Glen Aukett	13	6	19	2
Tom Harvey	15	1	59	2
Christopher Bell	11	2	33	3

The Mote

	Runs
Chris Back lbw b Marshall	11
Tom Harvey ct Futter b Kidd	31
James Marriott lbw b Marshall	3
Ed De Lucy lbw b Narraway	54
Laurence Waters b Narraway	19
Warren Jackson ct Narraway b Ellison	11
Glen Aukett ct Bailey b Ellison	11
Kraig Corke ct Brennan b Ellison	2
Nathan Chapman not out	1
Christopher Bell not out	6
Alex Fordham did not bat	0

Extras (2b 8lb 5w) 15

Total (8 wickets, 49.4 overs) 164

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Kidd	15	4	23	1
Andrew Marshall	15	1	31	2
Ashley Ellison	10	1	52	3
Scott Narraway	9.4	1	43	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1B

Sevenoaks Vine 3rd XI v Westgate-On-Sea

AN OPENING partnership of 128 from Keith and Nick Sandwell paved the way for a comfortable 94-run victory over Sevenoaks Vine.

Nick hit 69 and Keith crafted 55 before Steve Wood (not out 43) and both Lewis and Alan Winch helped their side to a competitive 46 over score of 248-4.

Richie Holden then took over with the ball in recording figures of 3-43 as Sevenoaks Vine struggled to deal with the accuracy of the away side's bowling attack.

Brian Andrews also claimed 2-22 to leave the home side on 154-8 from their allotted 46 overs.

Westgate-On-Sea

	Runs
Nick Sandwell	69
Keith Sandwell	55
Steve Wood	43
Sid Patel	0
Lewis Winch	23
Alan Winch	23
Richie Holden	0
Jason Mickle	0
Brian Andrews	0
Ross Heathcote	0
Nathan Presley	0

Extras (2b 4lb 26w 3nb) 35

Total (4 wickets, 46 overs) 248

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Iain Smith	11	1	52	0
D Smith	9	1	53	0
James Luke	4	0	23	0
Luke Gethins	11	1	67	1
Gordon Ireland	8	1	26	0
Martin Lea	3	0	21	2

Sevenoaks Vine

	Runs
Tom Booton	40
Mark Doughty	15
Andy Alderman	4
Tom Watts	3
Grant Beasley	1
Unsure	7
Luke Gethins	40
Gordon Ireland	18
Martin Lea	9
Iain Smith	4
James Luke	0

Extras (1lb 7w 5nb) 13

Total (8 wickets, 46 overs) 154

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ross Heathcote	11	0	28	1
Jason Mickle	11	2	41	1
Richie Holden	12	2	43	3
Brian Andrews	7	1	22	2
Alan Winch	5	1	19	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1E

High Halstow CC 3rd XI v St Margaret's CC 1st XI

AN ACCOMPLISHED bowling performance from St Margaret's bowlers helped blow High Halstow out for a paltry 97 at the weekend.

Matty Towers claimed figures of 4-21 and there were two wickets apiece for both Ritchie Hulks and Daniel Kennett.

The Thanet side lost Scott Blackman for one early on, but Ritchie Hulks with an unbeaten 24 and Aaron Powell's 18 not out helped St Margaret's to a seven wicket win. High Halstow's woeful bowling saw them concede 37 extras which was comfortably the highest score of both sides.

High Halstow

	Runs
James Leadbeater	2
Tony Wallace	4
Paul Cherrison	13
Tim Driver	0
Ronnie Singh	9
David Sibley	1
Smith	23
James Simpson	0
Andrew Lyons	20
Adam Colegate	13
Jake Barrett	2

Extras (6b 1lb 3w) 10

Total (all out, 44.4 overs) 97

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ritchie Hulks	12	5	21	2
Daniel Kennett	10	4	18	2
Matty Towers	12	4	21	4
Lloyd King	6	2	11	1
Pete Bowley	4.4	0	21	1

St Margaret's

	Runs
Scott Blackman	1
Ryan Hulks	20
Toby Kember	1
Ritchie Hulks	24
Aaron Powell	18
Lloyd King	0
Pete Bowley	0
Steve Blackman	0
Matthew Game	0
Daniel Kennett	0
Matty Towers	0

Extras (8b 5lb 23w 1nb) 37

Total (3 wickets) 101

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Smith	10	4	23	2
James Leadbeater	5	0	21	0
Adam Colegate	5	0	25	1
Jake Barrett	2	0	12	0
Ronnie Singh	1.1	0	9	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1E

St Lawrence & Highland Court CC 3rd XI v Nelson CC 1st XI

NELSON'S batsmen all contributed at the weekend as they chased down St Lawrence's total on the last ball of the game.

Paul Rodway's 82 helped the Canterbury side to 212-8 from their 46 overs, with Stuart Fassam and James Bridgland each claiming three wickets.

Mark Thomas and Glenn Tift got Nelson off to a good start, while several other batsmen scored 20 or more.

Bridgland top scored for the Thanet side with 38 as Nelson chased down the runs from their full quota of 46 overs to win by five wickets.

St Lawrence & Highland Court

	Runs
Paul Rodway	82
Jehan Ariyaratnam	12
Alan Carter	17
James Rodway	15
Phil Kelly	1
Guy Hilton	0
Nicholas Bartley	14
Saif Qamar	0
Jones	0
Smith	0
Stevens	0

Extras (14b 7lb 11w 1nb) 33

Total (8 wickets, 46 overs) 212

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
James Bridgland	12	0	49	3
Duncan Cotton	11	0	44	1
Stuart Fassam	12	1	37	3
Zeshan Sheikh	5	0	35	0
Stuart Cotton	6	0	24	1

Nelson

	Runs
Mark Thomas	16
Glenn Tift	17
Paul Bailey	28
Zeshan Sheikh	22
James Bridgland	22
James Cotton	13
Stuart Fassam	21
Stuart Cotton	23
Merv Davey	0
Duncan Cotton	0
Charlie Cotton	0

Extras (5b 4lb 18w 8nb) 35

Total (5 wickets, 46 overs) 213

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Phil Kelly	7	0	37	1
Saif Qamar	9	0	59	1
Unsure	12	1	48	1
Paul Rodway	12	6	18	2
Alan Carter	6	0	42	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 2B

Westgate-On-Sea CC 2nd XI v Pembury CC 2nd XI

HALF centuries from Gary Sandwell and Derek Watford laid the way for victory for Westgate 2nds on Saturday.

After losing Jack Newman and Marcus Taylor early on, the Thanet side were indebted to the knocks from Sandwell (59) and Watford's unbeaten 52. Some heavy blows from Alex Spokes and Ian Mackenzie helped Westgate to 219-7.

In reply, Mark Cross and Chris Buckle got their side off to a good start, but Martin Watford's 3-29 and Rick Sadler's 2-46 kept the reins on Pembury's batsmen to hand Westgate victory by 31 runs.

Westgate-On-Sea

	Runs
Marcus Taylor	0
Martin Arnold	15
Gary Sandwell	59
Ian Jones	18
Derek Watford	52
Alex Spokes	19
Ian Mackenzie	19
Rick Sadler	0
Smith	0
Cook	0

Extras (5b 3lb 25w 1nb) 34

Total (7 wickets, 46 overs) 219

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Christian Ashton	9	0	32	2
Dinesh Patel	10	0	43	0
Gary Knight	9	2	30	2
Steve Browning	5	0	27	0
Chris Buckle	5	0	34	0
John Pickett	6	0	33	2
Deeyam Patel	2	0	10	0

Pembury

	Runs
Mark Cross	34
Chris Buckle	7
Liam Baker	3
John Pickett	27
Colin Buckle	7
Gary Knight	15
Deeyam Patel	22
Dinesh Patel	4
Steve Browning	2
Christian Ashton	0
Christopher Wells	0

Extras (7b 8lb 13w) 28

Total (8 wickets, 46 overs) 188

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Alex Spokes	9	0	30	0
Andrew Watford	7	0	26	0
Rick Sadler	11	0	46	2
Martin Watford	12	0	29	3
Gary Sandwell	4	0	19	0
Jack Newman	2	0	12	1
Ian Jones	1	0	6	2



GALE-FORCE: The sea off Ramsgate looks relatively calm in this picture, but a whole day and other parts of the European Water Ski Championships programme had to be cancelled

Poor weather leaves water skiers all at sea

BAD weather played havoc with the European Water Ski Championships last week as organisers were forced to scrap a quarter of the races.

Gale force winds battered the coast around host town Ramsgate on the first day of competition last Sunday, causing the entire day's racing to be abandoned. The programme for the second day of competition on Tuesday was also cut short due to the conditions.

With an improved forecast, the championships finished in better conditions at the weekend.

Barry Frame, race co-ordinator for the event, admitted it had been a difficult week.

WATER SKIING

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

He said: "It's most unusual to cancel this many races. We have been told by the locals it's the worst weather they have experienced at this time of year. It's very rare to have day after day of bad weather."

"Skiers and crews have been depressed and it's frustrating but it was too dangerous. People have come from all over Europe to race and all the campsites where they are staying were a wash-out, it's so frustrating but we pulled through."

Water conditions finally allowed a full complement of races to take place on Thursday, with all the categories called off on Tuesday rescheduled for Friday.

The new schedule forced some entrants into the demanding situation where they had to compete for three successive days, so organisers cut race times by ten minutes.

Despite the problems, Frame didn't believe it would affect Ramsgate's chances of hosting a similar event in the future.

He said: "I think we will come back here for a one-day event, there are very few towns who are prepared to take an event like this on and Ramsgate are one of them. It's not a disaster, we made the best of it."

Welling up first for new-look Rams

FOOTBALL

RAMSGATE fans will have their first chance to see the club's new players in action when Welling United visit the Southwood Stadium for the first pre-season friendly on Saturday.

After guiding his side to the Ryman Premier play-offs last season, Jim Ward has been busy strengthening his squad for the new campaign.

Ten players have signed during the summer, while the only departures were Olly Schulz, Sam Jones and Dean Hill to rivals Dover Athletic, plus goalkeeper Paul Wilkerson.

Despite the departures, the Rams look an improved squad for the new season. Goalkeeper Jack Delo and winger Ben Brown joined from Herne Bay, centre-back Steven Lloyd signed from Whitstable and striker Mo Takaloo comes after a good season with Maidstone United.

Defenders Jake Eastwood and Joe Dowling left Margate and Sittingbourne respectively to join the Rams, while Brett Kinch, Lee Maskell and Liam Morris add competition for places in mid-field. Wide man Yacine Hamada



NEW FACE: Ben Brown is one of Ramsgate's ten summer signings

is the most eye-catching of the signings, signing from Paris St Germain reserves.

They could all make their debuts on Saturday with the visit of Blue Square South side Welling United, the first of five pre-season fixtures.

The Southwood has undergone some improvements during the summer break, with a roof installed over the terracing at both ends.

The Rams play at home again three days later with the visit of County League Division Two East champions Canterbury City. Kick-off on Saturday is at 3pm.

Survival of the fittest at schools triathlon

TRIATHLON

A SELECTION of the fittest children in the area came together to contest the inaugural Thanet Primary Schools Triathlon last weekend.

Upton Junior School staged the races, which featured a boy and a girl from six schools across the isle. The course was made up of a 100m swim, 2km cycle and a 1km run.

Triathlon is one of the fastest-growing sports in the world and made its Olympic debut at Sydney in 2000.

The girls were the first to go, with Birchington's Emmie Drew building a lead in the pool. Delays in transition saw Molly Dawson from Upton overtake her at the start of the bike leg.

Ellen Whitehead from St Lawrence College moved up through the field and took the lead just before the second transition.

She moved further ahead in the run and crossed the line in an impressive 14 minutes 35 seconds. Dawson took second, while St Nicholas-at-Wade's Amber Guyatt finished third.

The boys' race was just as keen-



PEDAL POWER: Owen Walton leads Nicholas Russell in the boys' race

ly fought. Owen Walton from Birchington was first out of the pool, closely followed by St Lawrence College's Nicholas Russell.

Russell, the only year five boy in the race, then sprinted to victory to win in 14.37. Walton took silver and Upton's Matt Dolan finished in third place.

The event was organised by the Thanet School Sport Partnership, Thanet Roadrunners AC and Deal Tri Club as a pilot with a view to hosting a bigger event next year.



BIG INNINGS: Darren Stevens hit Bears for six

Bear-tamer Stevens helps Spitfires into Twenty20 finals day

CRICKET

DARREN Stevens inspired Kent to victory over the Warwickshire Bears to help them reach Twenty20 finals day for the second year in succession.

The Spitfires could be the first team to claim back-to-back Twenty20 titles after they beat the Bears convincingly by 42 runs at Edgbaston last Thursday.

Stevens helped his side recover from 60-4 to reach 175-6, a total that proved too much for the home team.

The former Leicestershire all-rounder clubbed 69 from 32 balls which included six fours and five sixes and was ably supported at the end by power hitter Azhar Mahmood. The Pakistani all-rounder smashed an unbeaten 25 from 13 balls to help take the game away from the Bears.

In reply, Warwickshire struggled and when Twenty20 specialist Darren Maddy was out with score at 78-5, all hope was lost for the home side.

Arafat took 3-29 while Stevens capped a man-of-the-match display after finishing with figures of 2-29, as Warwickshire ended on 133-8.

Key acknowledged Stevens' innings had turned the game in his side's favour.

He said after the game: "Darren Stevens played a serious innings. I thought 130 would mean we were in the game but 175 was always going to be too many."

Kent will play Essex Eagles in the semi-final at the Rose Bowl on July 26, with Middlesex playing either Durham or Nottinghamshire in the other match.

Although Kent will probably be the favourites, Key is not getting carried away.

He said: "With Twenty20 it depends on who pitches up on the day. We've got two more games to win but we're not in the final yet."

"The good thing is we've still got players to come good who haven't played as well as they can in Twenty20."

If Kent win the semi-final they will automatically be entered in September's Champions League against teams from around the world for a chance to win £2.4 million.

However, the England and Wales Cricket Board are yet to decide on whether teams that field players from the Indian Cricket League – such as Kent's Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp – will be allowed to feature.

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